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David S. Monroe,
Secretary.

LIST OF DELEGATES BY CONFERENCES

Elected to the General Conference of 1900.

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1. Alabama.—*Ministerial:* George E. Ackerman. Reserve: Joseph G. Johnson.

Lay: John M. Atkins. Reserve: John Ellis.

2. Arkansas.—*Ministerial:* Andrew J. Taylor. Reserve: Rufus H. McMasters.

Lay: William C. Chynoweth. Reserve: Charles T. Cole.

3. Atlanta.—*Ministerial:* Madison C. B. Mason, George W. Arnold. Reserves: Matthew M. Alston, John P. Wragg.

Lay: Luther J. Price, Alexander M. Samuels. Reserves: William H. Crogman, John L. Bowdoin.

4. Austin.—*Ministerial:* Ole E. Olander. Reserve: Thomas H. Corkill.

Lay: Gilfred B. Collins. Reserve: Charles W. Starling.

5. Baltimore.—*Ministerial:* John F. Goucher, Joel Brown, Frank M. Bristol, John Lanahan, William S. Edwards. Reserves: James C. Nicholson, Luther T. Wilson.

Lay: Joshua S. Rawlings, Lewis M. Bacon, David P. Miller, Summerfield Baldwin, Alexander Ashley. Reserves: Wesley G. Bishop, Charles C. Gorsuch, Thomas R. Carskaden, William H. Thomas, Benjamin F. Bennett.

6. Bengal-Burma.—*Ministerial:* Frank W. Warne. Reserve: Julius Smith.

Lay: Robert Laidlaw. Reserve: Charles J. A. Pritchard.

7. Black Hills.—*Ministerial:* Edgar E. Clough. Reserve: Wesley D. Atwater.

Lay: Eben W. Martin. Reserve: Stephen E. Wilson.

8. Blue Ridge.—*Ministerial:* Adolphus J. Johnson. Reserve: William C. Matney.

Lay: Nicholas S. Ridenour. Reserve: Charles W. Smith.

9. Bombay.—*Ministerial:* Thomas S. Johnson. Reserve: William W. Bruere.

Lay: Henry Stephens. Reserve: Tobias T. Wright.

10. California.—*Ministerial:* John D. Hammond, Eli McClish, Freeman D. Bovard, Elbert R. Dille, Edward P. Dennett. Reserves: James N. Beard, Edward D. McCreary, Robert Bentley.

Lay: Rolla V. Watt, George D. Kellogg, Thomas B. Hutchinson, Chauncey H. Dunn, James A. Johnson. Reserves: Elmer E. Kelley, Jere Leiter, Joseph F. Forderer, Lucius S. Sherman, William T. Cronemiller.

11. California German.—*Ministerial:* George Guth. Reserve: Frederick Bonn.

Lay: Christian Neumiller. Reserve: Frederick Resche.

12. Central Alabama.—*Ministerial:* Walter H. Nelson, Edward M. Jones. Reserves: Israel Townsend, William F. Smith.

Lay: William L. Riley, Daniel B. V. Walthall. Reserves: Henry A. Clarke, Henry S. R. Dykes.

13. Central German.—*Ministerial:* Albert J. Nast, Carl Riemenschneider, Henry G. Lich. Reserves: John H. Horst, Gustav E. Hiller.

Lay: Henry C. Dickhaut, Louis Hartman, Gotlieb Golder. Reserves: George Kalmbach, William Magly.

14. Central Illinois.—*Ministerial:* Hyre D. Clark, Jervis G. Evans, Reuben B. Williams, William R. Wiley, Thomas W. McVety. Reserves: Frank W. Merrell, Samuel Van Pelt.

Lay: John S. Thompson, Matthew Andrews, Charles M. Beecher, Lemi B. Cobb, John T. Noftsker. Reserves: Charles H. Long, William H. McCord, Louis F. Gumbart, William F. Crawford, Constant Brown.

15. Central Missouri.—*Ministerial:* Richard E. Gillum, Richard Davis. Reserves: J. Will Jackson, Jordan M. Hughes.

Lay: Henry L. Billups, Jacob I. Lane. Reserves: James H. Diggs, Perry M. Cason.

16. Central New York.—*Ministerial:* Edmund M. Mills, Theron Cooper, Henry C. Moyer, Charles Eddy, Carlton C. Wilbor. Reserves: John C. Nichols, Frederick T. Keeney.

Lay: Bennett E. Titus, M. Delos Hollowell, Horace A. Mosher, Henry D. Fearon, J. Maltbie Smith. Reserves: Levi Page, Casper G. Decker.

17. Central Ohio.—*Ministerial:* Elias D. Whitlock, Wesley G. Waters, Christian R. Havighorst, Parker P. Pope, William W. Lance. Reserves: Leroy A. Belt, James M. Avann.

Lay: John Edwards, Samuel A. Hoskins, John W. Zellers, Edwin P. Breckinridge, Robert Colton. Reserves: Amon D. Fess, William A. Belt, John H. Grove, Frank H. Tanner, John U. Riggs.

18. Central Pennsylvania.—*Ministerial:* William W. Evans, Benjamin C. Conner, David S. Monroe, Edward J. Gray, Horace L. Jacobs, Richard H. Gilbert. Reserves: Ezra H. Yocum, James H. Black.

Lay: Thomas H. Murray, Herbert T. Ames, C. Price Speer, William L. Woodcock, John R. Rote, James M. Black. Reserves: Frank P. Llewellyn, Theodore H. Meminger, John W. Evans, Wesley H. Schwartz, Joseph B. Furst, John P. Melick.

19. Central Swedish.—*Ministerial:* Albert Ericson. Reserve: Martin Hess.

Lay: Bengt J. Regnell. Reserve: Henry Eklund.

20. Central Tennessee.—*Ministerial:* Joseph M. Carter. Reserve: Ephraim H. Creasy.

Lay: Phylonzo D. Carr. Reserve: James O. Harvey.

21. Chicago German.—*Ministerial* Henry Lemcke, Jacob Berger. Reserves: Julius A. Mulfinger, C. Ferdinand Morf.

Lay: Louis Appel, William F. Filter Reserves: Carl Karnopp, Charles Mueller.

22. Cincinnati.—*Ministerial:* Adna B. Leonard, James W. Bashford, George H. Dart, James P. Porter. Reserves: Stanley O. Royal, John A. Story.

Lay: William R. Warnock, James N. Gamble, Robert W. Burns, Charles L. Greeno. Reserves: Harvey C. Minnich, George B. Johnson, Alexander Boxwell, Richard Dymond.

23. Colorado.—*Ministerial:* Daniel L. Rader, William F. McDowell, Horace E. Warner. Reserves: Robert A. Carnine, Wilbur C. Madison, Claudius B. Spencer.

Lay: Joseph W. Gilluly, Ira M. De Long, Earl M. Cranston. Reserves: Bernard L. Olds, Zachariah X. Snyder, William Lennox.

24. Columbia River.—*Ministerial:* Matthew H. Marvin, Henry Brown. Reserves: Milton S. Anderson, John Uren.

Lay: George W. Libby, William Warner. Reserves: Edwin R. Headley, Henry G. Stratton.

25. Dakota.—*Ministerial:* William H. Jordan, Thomas H. Youngman. Reserves: Clarence E. Hager, Joseph O. Dobson.

Lay: Homer S. Mouser, Silas E. Morris. Reserves: Horace G. Tilton, Reuben N. Kratz.

26. Delaware.—*Ministerial:* James H. Scott, Henry A. Monroe, Joseph R. Waters. Reserves: Charles A. Tindley, Alfred R. Shockley.

Lay: Herbert S. Wilson, Walter J. Johnson, Simon Chase. Reserves: Solomon T. Houston, Frederick Nichols, Edward Reed.

27. Des Moines.—*Ministerial:* Edmund M. Holmes, William T. Smith, William Stevenson, Thomas McK. Stuart, Ephraim L. Eaton, James H. Senseney. Reserves: William H. W. Rees, Dewitt C. Franklin, William F. Bartholomew.

Lay: Leslie M. Shaw, John Gibson, Alexander H. Roberts, George S. Allyn, Henry K. Dewey, Everett A. Rea. Reserves: David O. Stuart, Joseph A. Lovejoy, Josiah F. Kennedy, Joseph F. Gillispie, Alfred H. McVey, Charles R. Benedict.

28. Detroit.—*Ministerial:* Joseph F. Berry, John Sweet, William H. Shier, Edward W. Ryan, Arthur Edwards, Charles W. Baldwin, William Dawe, Wilbur F. Sheridan. Reserves: Arthur W. Stalker, Joshua Stansfield.

Lay: Royal S. Copeland, Byron S. Knapp, Albert C. Huntington, Joseph E. Mason, Elett T. Rowley, George L. Adams, Aaron T. Bliss, Francis B. Beal. Reserves: Samuel B. Harris, Carl A. Wagner, George P. Hukill, Henry Sims, Miner B. Dunham.

29. East German.—*Ministerial:* Charles Reuss. Reserve: Ferdinand H. Rey.

Lay: Egbert Winkler. Reserve: John Faust.

30. East Maine.—*Ministerial:* Walter W. Ogier, Elton H. Boynton. Reserves: Isaac H. W. Wharff, Herbert E. Foss.

Lay: Abram W. Harris, William H. Nichols. Reserves: Veranus L. Plummer, Frank H. Nickerson.

31. East Ohio.—*Ministerial:* Amos N. Craft, Thomas W. Lane, L. Harvey Stewart, Henry S. Jackson, George B. Smith, Oliver W. Holmes. Reserves: James W. Robbins, John F. Fisher.

Lay: Silas J. Williams, Frank A. Arter, John A. Mansfield, James O. Pew, Robert J. Boyce, James A. White. Reserves: Joseph Chapman, Arza Alderman, James A. D. Richards, John W. Excell.

32. East Tennessee.—*Ministerial:* Judson S. Hill. Reserve: William T. Marley.

Lay: Charles J. Small. Reserve: Benjamin J. Martin.

33. Erie.—*Ministerial:* William P. Graham, William H. Crawford, Reuben C. Smith, Albert R. Rich, Charles O. Mead. Reserves: Jason N. Fradenburgh, Reuben N. Stubbs.

Lay: Austin Blakeslee, Gorton B. Chase, George P. Hukill, Henry Sims, Miner B. Dunham. Reserves: A. M. Martin, George W. Campbell.

34. Florida.—*Ministerial:* Peter Swearingen. Reserve: James P. Patterson.

Lay: Levi C. Haile. Reserve: Robert R. Robinson.

35. Foochow.—*Ministerial:* James H. Worley. Reserve: George B. Smyth.

Lay: Tieng Ang Sia. Reserve: Hie Ung Ding.

36. Genesee.—*Ministerial:* Philip S. Merrill, La Fayette Congdon, Ward D. Platt, Melville R. Webster, Thomas F. Parker, Henry C. Woods. Reserves: George H. Dryer, Ebenezer H. Latimer.

Lay: Joseph M. Duncan, Benjamin U. Taylor, Joseph W. Powell, Edwin C. English, Albert C. Aldridge, Lafayette H. Beach. Reserves: James M. Greig, Robert Stainton, Alva Carpenter.

37. Georgia.—*Ministerial:* Robert H. Robb. Reserve: James Mitchell.

Lay: William J. Auten. Reserve: Rouse S. Eggleston.

38. Holston.—*Ministerial:* Richard J. Cooke, James A. Ruble. Reserves: James J. Robinette, George S. Newcomb.

Lay: John A. Patten, Charles P. Cass. Reserves: William T. Cooper, Joseph H. Ketron.

39. Idaho.—*Ministerial:* George A. Landen. Reserve: Robert P. Hammons.

Lay: Horace E. Neal. Reserve: Edwin A. Dowd.

40. Illinois.—*Ministerial:* Howard M. Hamill, Henry C. Gibbs, William N. McElroy, William H. Wilder, Horace Reed, Charles B. Taylor, John A. Kumler, Stephen H. Whitlock. Reserves: William A. Smith, Robert Stephens, William T. Beadles.

Lay: William G. Cochran, Richard Yates, Joseph O. Cunningham, James M. Glassco, Milton Johnson, Sr., Isaac A. Love, Leonidas H. Kerrick, Mattie Y. McMahon. Reserves: Frank Kern, Thomas R. Petri, George W. Woy, William S. Wisegarver, William G. Herron, Elbert K. Metcalf, Joseph McDaniel, L. A. Vasey.

41. Indiana.—*Ministerial:* Henry J. Talbott, Charles C. Edwards, Charles E. Bacon, John E. Steele, Charles W. Lewis, Tilghman H. Willis, Edward B. Rawls. Reserves: Charles C. Lasby, John H. Doddridge.

Lay: Benjamin F. Adams, Frank M. Barbour, Edward D. Moore, John A. Carnagey, John B. Connor, William J. Knox, William A. Bodine. Reserves: Henry M. Connelly, Stephen P. Ross, John W. Ray, Andrew J. Bigney, Frank F. Smith, James L. Matthews, Benjamin F. Shepherd.

42. Iowa.—*Ministerial:* James C. W. Coxe, David C. Smith, Charles L. Stafford, William G. Wilson. Reserves: Charles S. Cooper, William G. Thorn.

Lay: Christopher Haw, Dillon H. Payne, Charles H. Wilson, John Moler. Reserves: James W. McMullen, Emory S. Huston.

43. Italy.—*Ministerial:* William Burt. Reserve: Aristide Frizziero.

Lay: Fritz Baum. Reserve: Luigi Mando.

44. Japan.—*Ministerial:* Julius Soper. Reserve: Joseph G. Cleveland.

Lay: Masayoshi Takaki. Reserve: Sho Nemoto.

45. Kansas.—*Ministerial:* James W. Alderman, John R. Madison, Lemuel H. Murlin, William H. Zimmerman. Reserves: William H. Underwood, John A. Motter.

Lay: Ezekiel L. Barnes, John P. Slaughter, Don C. Newcomb, Lewis A. Palmer. Reserves: Frederic D. Fuller, Thomas B. Scott, Moses M. Beck, Timothy B. Sweet.

46. Kentucky.—*Ministerial:* Charles J. Howes, George R. Frenger. Reserves: Elman L. Shepard, Frederick Grider.

Lay: Robert T. Miller, William T. Atkinson. Reserves: Alexander B. Davidson, James S. Jones.

47. Lexington.—*Ministerial:* Edward L. Gilliam, Elam A. White. Reserves: Lyman G. Turner, David E. Skelton.

Lay: John A. Washington, Benjamin J. Morgan. Reserves: Benjamin H. Garret, Alphonso V. Weeks.

48. Liberia.—*Ministerial:* William T. Hagan. Reserve: Alexander P. Camphor.

Lay: Anthony D. Williams. Reserve: Joseph C. Grass.

49. Little Rock.—*Ministerial:* William R. R. Duncan. Reserve: James W. Jackson.

Lay: Rufus C. Childres. Reserve: Benore S. Humphries.

50. Louisiana.—*Ministerial:* Lewis G. Adkinson, Stephen Duncan, Aristides E. P. Albert. Reserves: Wesley R. Butler, Frank Walker, Pierre Landry.

Lay: Reno C. Metoyer, Charles G. Morse, Frank B. Smith. Reserves: Moses S. Alexander, Joseph A. Reddix, Amistead Thomas.

51. Maine.—*Ministerial:* Edward O. Thayer, David B. Holt. Reserves: George D. Lindsay, Charles F. Parsons.

Lay: Ira S. Locke, John H. Fuller. Reserves: Everett R. Drummond, W. H. H. McAllaster.

52. Mexico.—*Ministerial:* John W. Butler. Reserve: Justo M. Euroza.

Lay: Andres Cabrera. Reserve: George Manning.

53. Michigan.—*Ministerial:* James H. Potts, John P. Ashley, Marshall M. Callen, Fayette L. Thompson, Patrick J. Maveety, William M. Puffer, Louis De Lamarter, Aaron P. Moors. Reserves: Lambert E. Lennox, John C. Floyd, Charles M. Ranger.

Lay: John H. Grant, George M. Buck, Samuel Dickie, George G. Whitworth, Henry A. Potter, Elmore S. Pettyjohn, John C. Holden, Samuel Johnson. Reserves: Marshall L. Cook, Allen C. Manley.

54. **Minnesota.**—*Ministerial:* Henry C. Jennings, George H. Bridgman, John Stafford, Edward P. Robertson. Reserves: Frank B. Cowgill, Benjamin Longley.

Lay: Matthew G. Norton, Orren F. Southwick, Danforth J. Whiting, William H. H. Johnson. Reserves: Wesley A. Sperry, Thad. P. Grout, C. H. Dearborn, George N. Hileman.

55. **Mississippi.**—*Ministerial:* Samuel A. Cowan, James M. Shumpert. Reserves: John C. Hibbler, Julius C. Houston.

Lay: George M. R. Husbands, John H. Brooks. Reserves: George W. Stith, James A. Robinson.

56. **Missouri.**—*Ministerial:* Edwin B. Lytle, Jairus J. Bentley, James O. Taylor. Reserves: John H. Poland, Stephen B. Campbell.

Lay: Silas H. Prather, Charles W. Proctor, J. Wesley Poland. Reserves: Homer Hall, Thomas B. Valentine, Robert D. Cramer.

57. **Montana.**—*Ministerial:* Jacob Mills. Reserve: Francis A. Riggin.

Lay: William Lindsay. Reserve: John E. Rickards.

58. **Nebraska.**—*Ministerial:* De Witt C. Huntington, Wharton B. Alexander, George W. Isham, Porter C. Johnson. Reserves: John S. W. Dean, John Gallagher.

Lay: Bartlett L. Paine, John H. Mickey, John Davis, Louis S. Fiegenbaum. Reserves: Thomas J. Gist, Charles L. Lewis, S. M. Parker, Philip H. Schwaub.

59. **Newark.**—*Ministerial:* Henry A. Buttz, Henry Spellmeyer, Alexander H. Tuttle, John Krantz, Daniel Halleron. Reserves: George W. Smith, Stephen L. Baldwin.

Lay: Oscar Jeffery, Robert R. Doherty, William H. Beach, James L. Hays, Henry K. Carroll. Reserves: George E. Backus, Benjamin F. Edsall, J. Elmer Christie, Jeptha C. Clark.

60. **New England.**—*Ministerial:* John W. Hamilton, William F. Warren, James Mudge, Joseph H. Mansfield, Willard T. Perrin, Samuel F. Upham. Reserves: Edward M. Taylor, James O. Knowles.

Lay: George F. Washburn, Charles R. Magee, Albert B. F. Kinney, Joseph M. Dunham, Charles C. Bragdon, Willard S. Allen. Reserves: J. Clark Glidden, Frederick Wilcomb, Henry G. Gratton, Ira B. Allen, William A. Warden, Arthur E. Herrick.

61. **New England Southern.**—*Ministerial:* Stephen O. Benton, Andrew J. Coultas, Walter J. Yates, James I. Bartholomew. Reserves: George H. Bates, Thomas J. Everett.

Lay: Robert F. Raymond, Costello Lippitt, Henry A. Fifield, Roswell S. Douglass. Reserves: Joel H. Reed, T. Fred Kaull, Samuel H. Bailey, George R. Pierce.

62. **New Hampshire.**—*Ministerial:* William H. Hutchin, Jesse M. Durrell, George M. Curl. Reserves: Daniel C. Knowles, Oliver S. Baketel.

Lay: Arthur T. Cass, Charles E. Foote, Frank P. Kellom. Reserves: Jarvan M. Russell, Horace G. Case, Charles O. Kelly.

63. **New Jersey.**—*Ministerial:* Jacob B. Graw, George L. Dobbins, James W. Marshall, John Handley, James H. Payran. Reserves: William P. C. Strickland, S. Wesley Lake.

Lay: William H. Skirm, Matthias Wooley, Ezra B. Lake, Caleb H. Butterworth, George B. Langley. Reserves: Joseph Elverson, John S. Turner, James E. Taylor, William H. Heisler, William P. Finlaw.

64. New York.—*Ministerial:* Abraham J. Palmer, James R. Day, Charles W. Millard, James M. King, Samuel P. Cadman, Jacob E. Price. Reserves: James O. Wilson, Philip Germond, Clark Wright.

Lay: John E. Andrus, Harris L. Cookingham, Wesley D. Hale, Charles P. McClellan, G. Fred Pitts, Abraham D. Lent. Reserves: James Harrison, J. H. Brown, Herbert Carl, Andrew C. Fields, Charles V. Moore, John Beattie.

65. New York East.—*Ministerial:* James M. Buckley, William V. Kelley, George P. Mains, Charles H. Buck, Joseph Pullman, Bradford P. Raymond, Charles S. Wing. Reserves: James S. Chadwick, David G. Downey, Frank M. North.

Lay: John M. Bulwinkle, Ezra B. Tuttle, William B. Howard, Charles W. Harman, Robert Lauder, John M. Price, Cephas B. Rogers. Reserves: Joseph Fettretch, Leroy A. Smith, James M. Anderson.

66. North Carolina.—*Ministerial:* Jordan D. Chavis. Reserve: Robert E. Jones.

Lay: Wade H. Thomas. Reserve: James L. Bullock.

67. North China.—*Ministerial:* Hiram H. Lowry. Reserves: None elected.

Lay: None elected.

68. North Dakota.—*Ministerial:* Homer C. Klingel, Samuel E. Ryan. Reserves: William H. Vance, Henry P. Cooper.

Lay: Martin N. Johnson, Albert S. Elford. Reserves: J. Morley Wyard, August Short.

69. North Germany.—*Ministerial:* P. Gustav Junker. Reserve: Gustav Hempel.

Lay: Ernst Gartner. Reserves: Jakob Gutbrod, Carl Gratz.

70. North India.—*Ministerial:* Edwin W. Parker, James L. Humphrey. Reserves: William A. Mansell, Frank C. Neeld.

Lay: Charles R. Hawes. Reserve: None elected.

71. North Indiana.—*Ministerial:* Cyrus U. Wade, Horace N. Herrick, Frank G. Browne, William D. Parr, Mitchell S. Marble. Reserves: Leslie J. Naftzger, John C. Murray.

Lay: Albert A. Small, Albert B. Cline, Leonidas H. Bunyan, George T. Herrick, Thomas A. Doan. Reserves: Charles F. Mather, John L. Cavin, Benjamin G. Shinn, Asbury L. Kerwood, William E. Graves.

72. North Nebraska.—*Ministerial:* Daniel K. Tindall, William Gorst. Reserves: John W. Shenk, Alfred Hodgetts.

Lay: Charles A. Goss, John W. Balson. Reserves: Morris E. Ford, Banks M. Smith.

73. North Ohio.—*Ministerial:* William F. Whitlock, William Kepler, Philip B. Stroup, Duston Kemble. Reserves: Charles F. Johnson, Albert D. Knapp.

Lay: Lewis C. Laylin, David A. McDowell, Horace Benton, John M. Naylor. Reserves: Archie M. Mattison, John A. Gann.

74. Northern German.—*Ministerial:* Franz L. Nagler. Reserve: Edward J. Funk.

Lay: John P. Funk. Reserve: Henry J. Hoffert.

75. Northern Minnesota.—*Ministerial:* Robert Forbes, Joseph B. Hingeley, Robert N. McKaig. Reserves: George S. Innis, William Fielder.

Lay: Leonidas Merritt, William Moses, Jacob F. Force. Reserves: William J. Dean, Jerome W. Wheeler, William L. Taylor.

76. Northern New York.—*Ministerial:* Charles C. Townsend, David F. Pierce, William D. Marsh, Anson D. Webster. Reserves: Charles E. Miller, Stephen T. Dibble.

Lay: S. Mortimer Coon, George R. Russell, James P. Lewis, Franklin B. Beers. Reserves: Charles S. Plank, Joseph Hepworth, Joseph V. Baker, H. A. McIlmoyle.

77. Northwest German.—*Ministerial:* Frederick Schaub. Reserve: William H. Rolfing.

Lay: Henry A. Salzer. Reserve: William Jung.

78. Northwest India.—*Ministerial:* Rockwell Clancy. Reserve: Henry Mansell.

Lay: Thomas L. Ingram. Reserve: James H. Condon.

79. Northwest Indiana.—*Ministerial:* Salem B. Town, Hilary A. Gobin, John H. Cissel, Delos M. Wood. Reserves: Edwin A. Schell, Samuel Buck.

Lay: James V. Kent, J. Smith Talley, Mitchell M. Murphy, William C. Belman. Reserves: Philip S. Baker, Jay W. Williams, Rella Cornwell, William Carpenter.

80. Northwest Iowa.—*Ministerial:* John B. Trimble, Daniel M. Yetter, John W. Lothian, George W. Pratt. Reserves: Robert Smylie, Leonard H. Woodworth.

Lay: Oscar P. Miller, Charles E. Lane, Samuel Parker, Edward Fair. Reserves: James E. Van Patten, Clayton W. Wilson, Clarence Kilborn, Herbert B. Pierce.

81. Northwest Kansas.—*Ministerial:* Benjamin T. Stauber, T. J. Harper Taggart. Reserves: Isaiah McDowell, Lauren O. Housel.

Lay: Charles W. Winslow, Edward L. Getty. Reserves: La Fayette H. Thompson, John Fulcramer.

82. Northwest Nebraska.—*Ministerial:* Allan R. Julian. Reserve: Philip H. Eighmy.

Lay: George H. Hornby. Reserve: William R. Akers.

83. Norway.—*Ministerial:* Ole Olsen. Reserve: Christian Torjussen.

Lay: Karl Andreassen. Reserve: Theodor Thorsen.

84. Norwegian and Danish.—*Ministerial:* Nels E. Simonsen. Reserve: Oliver L. Hansen.

Lay: Carl Hanson. Reserve: Harold H. Houg.

85. Ohio.—*Ministerial:* David H. Moore, John C. Arbuckle, William F. Oldham, Willis V. Dick, William L. Slutz. Reserves: William W. Davies, Benjamin E. Thomas.

Lay: David S. Gray, John W. King, William A. Wayland, George D. Selby, Charles W. Seward. Reserves: Morris Sharp, Samuel F. Secrest, William M. Wykoff, Lewis L. Rankin, J. W. Miles.

86. Oklahoma.—*Ministerial:* John T. Riley, Hiram A. Doty. Reserves: Lucian W. B. Long, Elmer C. Delaplain.

Lay: Alfred H. Boles, Tipton Cox. Reserves: David W. Scott, Frederick H. Umholtz.

87. Oregon.—*Ministerial:* George W. Gue, Dennis A. Watters. Reserves: Thomas B. Ford, David T. Summerville.

Lay: William A. Odell, Frederick B. Sackett. Reserves: Willis C. Hawley, Edward H. Belknap.

88. Philadelphia.—*Ministerial:* Thomas B. Neely, Jacob S. Hughes, William L. McDowell, J. R. Taylor Gray, George Elliott, Samuel A. Heilner, Frank B. Lynch. Reserves: John S. J. McConnell, Samuel W. Gehrett.

Lay: Robert E. Pattison, John Field, Matthew V. Simpson, William H. Maxwell, John E. James, Samuel Shaw, Charles Scott. Reserves: Samuel M. Myers, Frederick W. Tunnell, Charles W. Higgins.

89. Pittsburg.—*Ministerial:* Thomas N. Boyle, Charles W. Smith, Silas T. Mitchell, William P. Turner. Reserves: James A. Ballantyne, Benjamin F. Beazell.

Lay: Hudson Samson, William W. Ulerich, Albert Gaddis, William G. Gleason. Reserves: Jacob M. Murdock, James J. Wirsing, William S. Throckmorton, James B. Secrist.

90. Puget Sound.—*Ministerial:* Wilmot Whitfield, Spencer S. Sulliger. Reserves: David G. Le Sourd, William S. Harrington.

Lay: Harlan J. Cozine, Thomas S. Lippy. Reserves: Anderson S. Bush, William D. Pratt.

91. Rock River.—*Ministerial:* Polemus H. Swift, Charles J. Little, Frank A. Hardin, Lewis Curts, Henry G. Jackson, De Loss M. Thompkins, William H. Holmes. Reserves: William A. Spencer, Robert H. Pooley, John P. Brushingham.

Lay: William Deering, Benjamin F. Sheets, Oliver H. Horton, George W. Moss, Edwin S. Munroe, Charles M. Whipple, Nicholas G. Van Sant. Reserves: David D. Thompson, Willis A. Merrifield, Delanos W. Potter, Charles E. Piper, Leonard E. Ross, David C. Cook, Edgar P. Cook.

92. St. John's River.—*Ministerial:* Levi L. Fisher. Reserve: Luther S. Rader.

Lay: G. Prentice Carson. Reserve: Jonathan M. Garland.

93. St. Louis.—*Ministerial:* David W. Crow, Curtis V. Criss, Jesse B. Young. Reserves: Enoch J. Hunt, Frank Lenig.

Lay: Milton F. Simmons, George W. Brown, Reginald H. Rose. Reserves: Calvin B. Hewitt, Hanford Crawford, William J. Smith.

94. St. Louis German.—*Ministerial:* Frederick Munz, George B. Addicks, William Koeneke. Reserves: Edward E. Hertzler, Philip W. Jacoby.

Lay: John L. Hinners, Henry Voshall, Friedrich Kettlekamp. Reserves: Henry Miller, Charles Ruthenberg, William F. Hagan.

95. Savannah.—*Ministerial:* James Jackson. Reserve: Reuben R. O'Neal.
Lay: Richard H. Johnson. Reserve: Lindsay S. Reed.

96. South America.—*Ministerial:* John F. Thompson. Reserve: None elected.
Lay: Nicholas Lowe. Reserve: Herbert T. Coates.

97. South Carolina.—*Ministerial:* Joshua E. Wilson, Charles C. Jacobs, Lewis M. Dunton. Reserves: Nicholas T. Bowen, Benjamin F. Witherspoon.
Lay: Edward J. Sawyer, Mark H. Gassaway, John H. Fordham. Reserves: Junius T. Littlejohn, John W. Allmon, John F. Green.

98. South Germany.—*Ministerial:* Jacob Kaufman, Heinrich Mann. Reserve: Jacob Härle.
Lay: Ernst Mann, Ernst W. Korner. Reserves: Carl Günther, George Thumm.

99. South India.—*Ministerial:* William L. King. Reserve: George K. Gilder.
Lay: William E. Gay. Reserve: Charles J. Muller.

100. South Kansas.—*Ministerial:* Henry J. Coker, John H. Price, Hugh McBirney. Reserves: Alexander R. Maclean, Charles T. Durboraw.
Lay: Nelson Case, Edwin W. Cunningham, Jefferson J. Hurt. Reserves: James E. Hare, Edward B. Payne, Revilo Newton.

101. Southern California.—*Ministerial:* George F. Bovard, W. Arter Wright, Azahel M. Hough. Reserves: Winfield S. Matthew, Thomas C. Miller.
Lay: Albert J. Wallace, Elbert M. Pyle, Charles L. Thomas. Reserves: George R. Crow, Daniel W. Huffman, Orlando T. Pratt.

102. Southern German.—*Ministerial:* C. Emil Draeger. Reserve: Henry Dietz.
Lay: Edwin W. Hander. Reserve: Henry C. Hodde.

103. Southern Illinois.—*Ministerial:* Joseph W. Van Cleve, John F. Harmon, Leonidas W. Thrall, Francis M. Van Treese. Reserves: John W. Flint, William Wallis.
Lay: Thomas S. Marshall, McKendree H. Chamberlin, John M. Mitchell, Presley M. Johnson. Reserves: Ethelbert Callahan, Calendar Rohrbough, David A. Watts, Cyrus D. Kendall.

104. Southwest Kansas.—*Ministerial:* George W. Howes, Harrison Waitt, Emory C. Beach. Reserves: William J. Martindale, Worthington B. Slutz.
Lay: S. Harvey Jennings, Francis R. Chrisman, Charles L. Davidson. Reserves: Forrest M. Hartley, John E. Junkin, Adam H. Miller.

105. Sweden.—*Ministerial:* Gustaf Wagnsson, Karl A. Janssen. Reserves: Jakob M. Erikson, Johannes Roth.
Lay: Johan A. Andersson, Otto L. Kling. Reserves: August Flink, Carl J. Braustrom.

106. Switzerland.—*Ministerial:* Ernst C. Schmidtman. Reserve: Leonhard Peter.
Lay: Wilhelm Ritter. Reserves: T. Johannes Homberger, Gottfried Tillman.

107. Tennessee.—*Ministerial:* Hilary W. Key. Reserve: Crawford B. Wilson.

Lay: Thomas S. Fortson. Reserve: George Hill.

108. Texas.—*Ministerial:* Isaiah B. Scott, Wade H. Logan, William A. Fortson. Reserves: William Bartley, Frank Gary.

Lay: Reuben S. Lovinggood, Mount V. Burgess, Reese S. Halbert. Reserves: Joseph C. Eusan, Noah A. Murphy, Edwin P. Robbins.

109. Troy.—*Ministerial:* Homer Eaton, John H. Coleman, George W. Brown, William H. Hughes, James E. C. Sawyer, George E. Stockwell. Reserves: James H. Brown, Thomas A. Griffin.

Lay: Howard S. Kennedy, George B. Greenslet, Benjamin F. Diefendorf, Edward H. Strang, Alfred Guibord, Benjamin H. Ripton. Reserves: John C. Birdseye, Loren B. Lord.

110. Upper Iowa.—*Ministerial;* John C. Magee, J. Burleigh Albrook, Homer C. Stuntz, Henry O. Pratt, Harry H. Green, Solon C. Bronson. Reserves: William F. King, Charles L. Gould, Edmund J. Lockwood.

Lay: Abraham E. Swisher, John F. Merry, Thomas B. Taylor, James J. Clark, William F. Johnson, Daniel B. Snyder. Reserves: James E. Marietta, William N. Gilbert, Edward L. Smalley, Charles C. Crowell, William H. Hand, Levi Fuller.

111. Upper Mississippi.—*Ministerial:* Griffin G. Logan, Benjamin H. S. Ferguson. Reserves: Warren McDonald, Perry O. Jamison.

Lay: Ephraim E. McKissack, Eugene E. Pettibone. Reserves: Edward W. Thompson, Samuel Blevins.

112. Vermont.—*Ministerial:* Wilbur S. Smithers, L. Olin Sherbourne. Reserves: Charles S. Nutter, Walter R. Davenport.

Lay: Lester W. Hanson, Sydney R. Fletcher. Reserves: Samuel D. Hobson, S. M. Gleason.

113. Virginia.—*Ministerial:* Ulysses S. A. Heavener. Reserve: Samuel A. Ball.

Lay: Creed F. Dye. Reserve: Christopher C. Claypool.

114. Washington.—*Ministerial:* John W. E. Bowen, Isaac L. Thomas, Edward W. S. Peck. Reserves: Nathaniel M. Carroll, George W. W. Jenkins, Steward H. Brown.

Lay: Irvin G. Penn, Isam C. Cabell, Thomas R. Ovelton. Reserves: George I. Simms, George T. Beason, James H. Bruner.

115. West German.—*Ministerial:* John Demand, Charles Ott. Reserves: Edward Sallenbach, Christian Herrman.

Lay: Christian Hoffmann, Max E. Bittner. Reserves: Frederick A. Auton, John Bintz.

116. West Nebraska.—*Ministerial:* James Leonard, Orlando R. Beebe. Reserves: Charles A. Mastin, William E. Hardaway.

Lay: John J. Doty, Stephen A. D. Henline. Reserves: Thomas M. Wimberly, John A. Slater.

117. West Texas.—*Ministerial:* Harry Swann, Alexander M. Mason. Reserves: David C. Lucy, Moses Smith.

Lay: Green J. Starnes, John W. Frazier. Reserves: Isaac L. Henson, John C. Madison.

118. **West Virginia.**—*Ministerial:* Albert B. Riker, Francis N. Lynch, Archibald Moore, Joseph W. Bedford, Lloyd W. Roberts. Reserves: David S. Hammond, Douglas A. Denton.

Lay: Robert A. Armstrong, Marcellus A. Kindall, Charles W. Archbold, William B. Matthews, Asbury J. Clark. Reserves: Frank B. Trotter, William G. Brown, James H. Furbie, Samuel V. Woods, John M. Davis.

119. **West Wisconsin.**—*Ministerial:* Samuel W. Trousdale, William M. Martin, Frank L Hart, William J. McKay. Reserves: Henry Goodsell, Michael Benson.

Lay: Herbert J. Noyes, Henry P. Magill, Nathan B. Wharton, Albert F. Ellison. Reserves: James Spensley, John H. Thayer, Henry B. Soetiber, Ira B. Bradford.

120. **Western Norwegian-Danish.**—*Ministerial:* Martinus Nelson. Reserve: Christian L. Hansen.

Lay: Anton L. Elvigen. Reserve: John Hillseth.

121. **Western Swedish.**—*Ministerial:* Anders G. Engstrom. Reserve: Harold L. Lindkvist.

Lay: John W. Israelson. Reserve: Charles O. Lobeck.

122. **Wilmington.**—*Ministerial:* Robert Watt, Thomas E. Martindale, Wilbur F. Corkran, Charles S. Baker. Reserves: Alpheus S. Mowbray, John D. C. Hanna.

Lay: Charles B. Lore, Gideon E. Hukill, Joseph E. Holland, George A. Cox. Reserves: Samuel H. Baynard, George C. Moore, John W. Fletcher, Levin E. P. Dennis.

123. **Wisconsin.**—*Ministerial:* Samuel Plantz, John S. Lean, John E. Farmer, Frank A. Pease. Reserves: Henry P. Haylett, George H. Trever.

Lay: Norman H. Brokaw, Lewis M. Alexander, Willis W. Cooper, Edgar M. Beach. Reserves: Samuel A. Fox, William Larson, Alice Wisner, Eva R. Lehman.

124. **Wyoming.**—*Ministerial:* Webster H. Pearce, George Forsythe, Austin Griffin, Manley S. Hard, Hugh C. McDermott. Reserves: John A. Faulkner, Truman F. Hall.

Lay: William J. Welsh, Pierce Butler, Abram I. Decker, George K. Powell, George F. Reynolds. Reserves: J. W. Thomas, Arthur J. Dibble, Daniel Powell, George L. Peck, Sylvanus Moore.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERIAL DELEGATES ELECTED.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
1	Ackerman, George E.	Alabama.
2	Addicks, George B.	St. Louis German.
3	Adkinson, Lewis G.	Louisiana.
4	Albert, Aristides E. P.	Louisiana.
5	Albrook, J. Burleigh.	Upper Iowa.
6	Alderman, James W.	Kansas.
7	Alexander, Wharton B.	Nebraska.
8	Arbuckle, John C.	Ohio.
9	Arnold, George W.	Atlanta.
10	Ashley, John P.	Michigan.
11	Bacon, Charles E.	Indiana.
12	Baker, Charles S.	Wilmington.
13	Baldwin, Charles W.	Detroit.
14	Bartholomew, James I.	New England Southern.
15	Bashford, James W.	Cincinnati.
16	Beach, Emory C.	Southwest Kansas.
17	Bedford, Joseph W.	West Virginia.
18	Beebe, Orlando R.	West Nebraska.
19	Bentley, Jairus J.	Missouri.
20	Benton, Stephen O.	New England Southern.
21	Berger, Jacob.	Chicago German.
22	Berry, Joseph F.	Detroit.
23	Bovard, Freeman D.	California.
24	Bovard, George F.	Southern California.
25	Bowen, John W. E.	Washington.
26	Boyle, Thomas N.	Pittsburg.
27	Boynton, Elton H.	East Maine.
28	Bridgman, George H.	Minnesota.
29	Bristol, Frank M.	Baltimore.
30	Bronson, Solon C.	Upper Iowa.
31	Brown, George W.	Troy.
32	Brown, Henry	Columbia River.
33	Brown, Joel	Baltimore.
34	Browne, Frank G.	North Indiana.
35	Buck, Charles H.	New York East.
36	Buckley, James M.	New York East.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
37	Burt, William	Italy.
38	Butler, John W	Mexico.
39	Buttz, Henry A	Newark.
40	Cadman, Samuel P	New York.
41	Callen, Marshall M	Michigan.
42	Carter, Joseph M	Central Tennessee.
43	Chavis, Jordan D	North Carolina.
44	Cissel, John H	Northwest Indiana.
45	Clancy, Rockwell	Northwest India.
46	Clark, Hyre D	Central Illinois.
47	Clough, Edgar E	Black Hills.
48	Coker, Henry J	South Kansas.
49	Coleman, John H	Troy.
50	Congdon, La Fayette	Genesee.
51	Conner, Benjamin C	Central Pennsylvania.
52	Cooke, Richard J	Holston.
53	Cooper, Theron	Central New York.
54	Corkran, Wilbur F	Wilmington.
55	Coultas, Andrew J	New England Southern.
56	Cowan, Samuel A	Mississippi.
57	Coxe, James C. W	Iowa.
58	Craft, Amos N	East Ohio.
59	Crawford, William H	Erie.
60	Criss, Curtis V	St. Louis.
61	Crow, David W	St. Louis.
62	Curl, George M	New Hampshire.
63	Curts, Lewis	Rock River.
64	Dart, George H	Cincinnati.
65	Davis, Richard	Central Missouri.
66	Dawe, William	Detroit.
67	Day, James R	New York.
68	De Lamarter, Louis	Michigan.
69	Demand, John	West German.
70	Dennett, Edward P	California.
71	Dick, Willis V	Ohio.
72	Dille, Elbert R	California.
73	Dobbins, George L	New Jersey.
74	Doty, Hiram A	Oklahoma.
75	Draeger, C. Emil	Southern German.
76	Duncan, Stephen	Louisiana.
77	Duncan, William R. R	Little Rock.
78	Dunton, Lewis M	South Carolina.
79	Durrell, Jesse M	New Hampshire.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
80	Eaton, Ephraim L	Des Moines.
81	Eaton, Homer	Troy.
82	Eddy, Charles	Central New York.
83	Edwards, Arthur	Detroit.
84	Edwards, Charles C	Indiana.
85	Edwards, William S	Baltimore.
86	Elliott, George	Philadelphia.
87	Engstrom, Andres G	Western Swedish.
88	Ericson, Albert	Central Swedish.
89	Evans, Jervis G	Central Illinois.
90	Evans, William W	Central Pennsylvania.
91	Farmer, John E	Wisconsin.
92	Ferguson, Benjamin H. S	Upper Mississippi.
93	Fisher, Levi L	St. John's River.
94	Forbes, Robert	Northern Minnesota.
95	Forsythe, George	Wyoming.
96	Fortson, William A	Texas.
97	Frenger, George R	Kentucky.
98	Gibbs, Henry C	Illinois.
99	Gilbert, Richard H	Central Pennsylvania.
100	Gilliam, Edward L	Lexington.
101	Gillum, Richard E	Central Missouri.
102	Gobin, Hilary A	Northwest Indiana.
103	Gorst, William	North Nebraska.
104	Goucher, John F	Baltimore.
105	Graham, William P	Erie.
106	Graw, Jacob B	New Jersey.
107	Gray, Edward J	Central Pennsylvania.
108	Gray, J. R. Taylor	Philadelphia.
109	Green, Harry H	Upper Iowa.
110	Griffin, Austin	Wyoming.
111	Gue, George W	Oregon.
112	Guth, George	California German.
113	Hagan, William T	Liberia.
114	Halleron, Daniel	Newark.
115	Hamill, Howard M	Illinois.
116	Hamilton, John W	New England.
117	Hammond, John D	California.
118	Handley, John	New Jersey.
119	Hard, Manley S	Wyoming.
120	Hardin, Frank A	Rock River.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
121	Harmon, John F.	Southern Illinois.
122	Hart, Frank L.	West Wisconsin.
123	Havighorst, Christian R.	Central Ohio.
124	Heavener, Ulysses S. A.	Virginia.
125	Heilner, Samuel A.	Philadelphia.
126	Herrick, Horace N.	North Indiana.
127	Hill, Judson S.	East Tennessee.
128	Hingeley, Joseph B.	Northern Minnesota.
129	Holmes, Edmund M.	Des Moines.
130	Holmes, Oliver W.	East Ohio.
131	Holmes, William H.	Rock River.
132	Holt, David B.	Maine.
133	Hough, Asahel M.	Southern California.
134	Howes, Charles J.	Kentucky.
135	Howes, George W.	Southwest Kansas.
136	Hughes, Jacob S.	Philadelphia.
137	Hughes, William H.	Troy.
138	Humphrey, James L.	North India.
139	Huntington, De Witt C.	Nebraska.
140	Hutchin, William H.	New Hampshire.
141	Isham, George W.	Nebraska.
142	Jackson, Henry G.	Rock River.
143	Jackson, Henry S.	East Ohio.
144	Jackson, James.	Savannah.
145	Jacobs, Charles C.	South Carolina.
146	Jacobs, Horace L.	Central Pennsylvania.
147	Janssen, Karl A.	Sweden.
148	Jennings, Henry C.	Minnesota.
149	Johnson, Adolphus J.	Blue Ridge.
150	Johnson, Porter C.	Nebraska.
151	Johnson, Thomas S.	Bombay.
152	Jones, Edward M.	Central Alabama.
153	Jordan, William H.	Dakota.
154	Julian, Allan R.	Northwest Nebraska.
155	Junker, P. Gustav.	North Germany.
156	Kaufman, Jacob.	South Germany.
157	Kelley, William V.	New York East.
158	Kemble, Duston	North Ohio.
159	Kepler, William.	North Ohio.
160	Key, Hilary W.	Tennessee.
161	King, James M.	New York.
162	King, William L.	South India.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
163	Klingel, Homer C	North Dakota.
164	Koeneke, William	St. Louis German.
165	Krantz, John	Newark.
166	Kumler, John A	Illinois.
167	Lanahan, John	Baltimore.
168	Lance, William W	Central Ohio.
169	Landon, George A	Idaho.
170	Lane, Thomas W	East Ohio.
171	Lean, John S	Wisconsin.
172	Lemcke, Henry	Chicago German.
173	Leonard, Adna B	Cincinnati.
174	Leonard, James	West Nebraska.
175	Lewis, Charles W	Indiana.
176	Lich, Henry G	Central German.
177	Little, Charles J	Rock River.
178	Logan, Griffin G	Upper Mississippi.
179	Logan, Wade H	Texas.
180	Lothian, John W	Northwest Iowa.
181	Lowry, Hiram H	North China.
182	Lynch, Francis N	West Virginia.
183	Lynch, Frank B	Philadelphia.
184	Lytle, Edwin B	Missouri.
185	Madison, John R	Kansas.
186	Magee, John C	Upper Iowa.
187	Mains, George P	New York East.
188	Mann, Heinrich	South Germany.
189	Mansfield, Joseph H	New England.
190	Marble, Mitchell S	North Indiana.
191	Marsh, William D	Northern New York.
192	Marshall, James W	New Jersey.
193	Martin, William M	West Wisconsin.
194	Martindale, Thomas E	Wilmington.
195	Marvin, Matthew H	Columbia River.
196	Mason, Alexander M	West Texas.
197	Mason, Madison C. B	Atlanta.
198	Maveety, Patrick J	Michigan.
199	McBirney, Hugh	South Kansas.
200	McClish, Eli	California.
201	McDermott, Hugh C	Wyoming.
202	McDowell, William F	Colorado.
203	McDowell, William L	Philadelphia.
204	McElroy, William N	Illinois.
205	McKaig, Robert N	Northern Minnesota.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
206	McKay, William J	West Wisconsin.
207	McVety, Thomas W	Central Illinois.
208	Mead, Charles O	Erie.
209	Merrill, Philip S	Genesee.
210	Millard, Charles W	New York.
211	Mills, Edmund M	Central New York.
212	Mills, Jacob	Montana.
213	Mitchell, Silas T	Pittsburg.
214	Monroe, David S	Central Pennsylvania.
215	Monroe, Henry A	Delaware.
216	Moore, Archibald	West Virginia.
217	Moore, David H	Ohio.
218	Moors, Aaron P	Michigan.
219	Moyer, Henry C	Central New York.
220	Mudge, James	New England.
221	Munz, Frederick	St. Louis German.
222	Murlin, Lemuel H	Kansas.
223	Nagler, Franz L	Northern German.
224	Nast, Albert J	Central German.
225	Neely, Thomas B	Philadelphia.
226	Nelson, Martinus	Western Nor.-Danish.
227	Nelson, Walter H	Central Alabama.
228	Ogier, Walter W	East Maine.
229	Olander, Ole E	Austin.
230	Oldham, William F	Ohio.
231	Olsen, Ole	Norway.
232	Ott, Charles	West German.
233	Palmer, Abraham J	New York.
234	Parker, Edwin W	North India.
235	Parker, Thomas F	Genesee.
236	Parr, William D	North Indiana.
237	Payran, James H	New Jersey.
238	Pearce, Webster H	Wyoming.
239	Pease, Frank A	Wisconsin.
240	Peck, Edward W. S	Washington.
241	Perrin, Willard T	New England.
242	Pierce, David F	Northern New York.
243	Plantz, Samuel	Wisconsin.
244	Platt, Ward D	Genesee.
245	Pope, Parker P	Central Ohio.
246	Porter, James P	Cincinnati.
247	Potts, James H	Michigan.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
248	Pratt, George W.	Northwest Iowa.
249	Pratt, Henry O.	Upper Iowa.
250	Price, Jacob E.	New York.
251	Price, John H.	South Kansas.
252	Puffer, William M.	Michigan.
253	Pullman, Joseph.	New York East.
254	Rader, Daniel L.	Colorado.
255	Rawls, Edward B.	Indiana.
256	Raymond, Bradford P.	New York East.
257	Reed, Horace.	Illinois.
258	Reuss, Charles.	East German.
259	Rich, Albert R.	Erie.
260	Riemenschneider, Carl.	Central German.
261	Riker, Albert B.	West Virginia.
262	Riley, John T.	Oklahoma.
263	Robb, Robert H.	Georgia.
264	Roberts, Lloyd W.	West Virginia.
265	Robertson, Edward P.	Minnesota.
266	Ruble, James A.	Holston.
267	Ryan, Edward W.	Detroit.
268	Ryan, Samuel E.	North Dakota.
269	Sawyer, James E. C.	Troy.
270	Schaub, Frederick.	Northwest German.
271	Schmidtman, Ernst C.	Switzerland.
272	Scott, Isaiah B.	Texas.
273	Scott, James H.	Delaware.
274	Senseney, James H.	Des Moines.
275	Sherbourne, L. Olin.	Vermont.
276	Sheridan, Wilbur F.	Detroit.
277	Shier, William H.	Detroit.
278	Shumpert, James M.	Mississippi.
279	Simonsen, Nels E.	Norwegian and Danish.
280	Slutz, William L.	Ohio.
281	Smith, Charles W.	Pittsburg.
282	Smith, David C.	Iowa.
283	Smith, George B.	East Ohio.
284	Smith, Reuben C.	Erie.
285	Smith, William T.	Des Moines.
286	Smithers, Wilbur S.	Vermont.
287	Soper, Julius.	Japan.
288	Spellmeyer, Henry.	Newark.
289	Stafford, Charles L.	Iowa.
290	Stafford, John.	Minnesota.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
291	Stauber, Benjamin T	Northwest Kansas.
292	Steele, John E	Indiana.
293	Stevenson, William	Des Moines.
294	Stewart, L. Harvey	East Ohio.
295	Stockwell, George E	Troy.
296	Stroup, Philip B	North Ohio.
297	Stuart, Thomas McK	Des Moines.
298	Stuntz, Homer C	Upper Iowa.
299	Sulliger, Spencer S	Puget Sound.
300	Swann, Harry	West Texas.
301	Swearingen, Peter	Florida.
302	Sweet, John	Detroit.
303	Swift, Polemus H	Rock River.
304	Taggart, T. J. Harper	Northwest Kansas.
305	Talbott, Henry J	Indiana.
306	Taylor, Andrew J	Arkansas.
307	Taylor, Charles B	Illinois.
308	Taylor, James O	Missouri.
309	Thayer, Edward O	Maine.
310	Thomas, Isaac L	Washington.
311	Thompkins, De Loss M	Rock River.
312	Thompson, Fayette L	Michigan.
313	Thompson, John F	South America.
314	Thrall, Leonidas W	Southern Illinois.
315	Tindall, Daniel K	North Nebraska.
316	Town, Salem B	Northwest Indiana.
317	Townsend, Charles C	Northern New York.
318	Trimble, John B	Northwest Iowa.
319	Trousdale, Samuel W	West Wisconsin.
320	Turner, William P	Pittsburg.
321	Tuttle, Alexander H	Newark.
322	Upham, Samuel F	New England.
323	Van Cleve, Joseph W	Southern Illinois.
324	Van Treese, Francis M	Southern Illinois.
325	Wade, Cyrus U	North Indiana.
326	Wagnsson, Gustaf	Sweden.
327	Waitt, Harrison	Southwest Kansas.
328	Warne, Frank W	Bengal-Burma.
329	Warner, Horace E	Colorado.
330	Warren, William F	New England.
331	Waters, Joseph R	Delaware.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
332	Waters, Wesley G	Central Ohio.
333	Watt, Robert	Wilmington.
334	Watters, Dennis A	Oregon.
335	Webster, Anson D	Northern New York.
336	Webster, Melville R	Genesee.
337	White, Elam A	Lexington.
338	Whitfield, Wilmot	Puget Sound.
339	Whitlock, Elias D	Central Ohio.
340	Whitlock, Stephen H	Illinois.
341	Whitlock, William F	North Ohio.
342	Wilbor, Carlton C	Central New York.
343	Wilder, William H	Illinois.
344	Wiley, William R	Central Illinois.
345	Williams, Reuben B	Central Illinois.
346	Willis, Tilghman H	Indiana.
347	Wilson, Joshua E	South Carolina.
348	Wilson, William G	Iowa.
349	Wing, Charles S	New York East.
350	Wood, Delos M	Northwest Indiana.
351	Woods, Henry C	Genesee.
352	Worley, James H	Foochow.
353	Wright, W. Arter	Southern California.
354	Yates, Walter J	New England Southern.
355	Yetter, Daniel M	Northwest Iowa.
356	Young, Jesse B	St. Louis.
357	Youngman, Thomas H	Dakota.
358	Zimmerman, William H	Kansas.

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	Delegates.	Conferences.
1	Adams, Benjamin F	Indiana.
2	Adams, George L	Detroit.
3	Aldridge, Albert C	Genesee.
4	Alexander, Lewis N	Wisconsin.
5	Allen, Willard S	New England.
6	Allyn, George S	Des Moines.
7	Ames, Herbert T	Central Pennsylvania.
8	Andersson, Johan A	Sweden.
9	Andreassen, Karl	Norway.
10	Andrews, Matthew	Central Illinois.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
11	Andrus, John E	New York.
12	Appel, Louis	Chicago German.
13	Archbold, Charles W	West Virginia.
14	Armstrong, Robert A	West Virginia.
15	Arter, Frank A	East Ohio.
16	Ashley, Alexander	Baltimore.
17	Atkins, John M	Alabama.
18	Atkinson, William T	Kentucky.
19	Auten, William J	Georgia.
20	Bacon, Lewis M	Baltimore.
21	Baldwin, Summerfield	Baltimore.
22	Balson, John W	North Nebraska.
23	Barbour, Frank M	Indiana.
24	Barnes, Ezekiel L	Kansas.
25	Baum, Fritz	Italy.
26	Beach, Edgar M	Wisconsin.
27	Beach, Lafayette H	Genesee.
28	Beach, William H	Newark.
29	Beal, Francis B	Detroit.
30	Beecher, Charles M	Central Illinois.
31	Beers, Frank B	Northern New York.
32	Belman, William C	Northwest Indiana.
33	Benton, Horace	North Ohio.
34	Billups, H. L	Central Missouri.
35	Bittner, Max E	West German.
36	Black, James M	Central Pennsylvania.
37	Blakeslee, Austin	Erie.
38	Bliss, Aaron T	Detroit.
39	Bodine, William A	Indiana.
40	Boles, Alfred H	Oklahoma.
41	Boyce, Robert J	East Ohio.
42	Bragdon, Charles C	New England.
43	Breckinridge, Edwin P	Central Ohio.
44	Brokaw, Norman H	Wisconsin.
45	Brooks, John H	Mississippi.
46	Brown, George W	St. Louis.
47	Buck, George M	Michigan.
48	Bulwinkle, John M	New York East.
49	Bunyan, Leonidas H	North Indiana.
50	Burgess, Mount V	Texas.
51	Burns, Robert W	Cincinnati.
52	Butler, Pierce	Wyoming.
53	Butterworth, Caleb H	New Jersey.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
54	Cabell, Isam C	Washington.
55	Cabrera, Andres	Mexico.
56	Carnagey, John A	Indiana.
57	Carr, Phylonzo D	Central Tennessee.
58	Carroll, Henry K	Newark.
59	Carson, G. Prentice	St. John's River.
60	Case, Nelson	South Kansas.
61	Cass, Arthur T	New Hampshire.
62	Cass, Charles P	Holston.
63	Chamberlin, McKendree H	Southern Illinois.
64	Chase, Gorton B	Erie.
65	Chase, Simon	Delaware.
66	Childres, Rufus C	Little Rock.
67	Chrisman, Francis R	Southwest Kansas.
68	Chynoweth, William C	Arkansas.
69	Clark, Asbury J	West Virginia.
70	Clark, James J	Upper Iowa.
71	Cline, Albert B	North Indiana.
72	Cobb, Lemi B	Central Illinois.
73	Cochran, William G	Illinois.
74	Collins, Gilfred B	Austin.
75	Colton, Robert	Central Ohio.
76	Conner, John B	Indiana.
77	Cookingham, Harris L	New York.
78	Coon, S. Mortimer	Northern New York.
79	Cooper, Willis N	Wisconsin.
80	Copeland, Royal S	Detroit.
81	Cox, George A	Wilmington.
82	Cox, Tipton	Oklahoma.
83	Cozine, Harlan J	Puget Sound.
84	Cranston, Earl M	Colorado.
85	Cunningham, Edwin W	South Kansas.
86	Cunningham, Joseph O	Illinois.
87	Davidson, Charles L	Southwest Kansas.
88	Davis, John	Nebraska.
89	Decker, Abram I	Wyoming.
90	Deering, William	Rock River.
91	De Long, Ira M	Colorado.
92	Dewey, Henry K	Des Moines.
93	Dickhaut, Henry C	Central German.
94	Dickie, Samuel	Michigan.
95	Diefendorf, Benjamin F	Troy.
96	Doan, Thomas A	North Indiana.
97	Doherty, Robert R	Newark.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
98	Doty, John J.	West Nebraska.
99	Douglass, Roswell S.	New England Southern.
100	Duncan, Joseph M.	Genesee.
101	Dunham, Joseph M.	New England.
102	Dunham, Miner B	Erie.
103	Dunn, Chauncey H	California.
104	Dye, Creed F	Virginia.
105	Edwards, John	Central Ohio.
106	Elford, Albert S.	North Dakota.
107	Ellison, Albert F	West Wisconsin.
108	Elvigen, Anton L.	Western Nor.-Danish.
109	English, Edward C	Genesee.
110	Fair, Edward	Northwest Iowa.
111	Fearon, Henry D	Central New York.
112	Fiegenbaum, Louis S.	Nebraska.
113	Field, John	Philadelphia.
114	Fifield, Henry A.	New England Southern.
115	Filter, William F.	Chicago German.
116	Fletcher, Sydney R	Vermont.
117	Foote, Charles E.	New Hampshire.
118	Force, Jacob F	Northern Minnesota.
119	Fordham, John H	South Carolina.
120	Fortson, Thomas S.	Tennessee.
121	Frazier, John W.	West Texas.
122	Fuller, John H.	Maine.
123	Funk, John P.	Northern German.
124	Gaddis, Albert	Pittsburg.
125	Gamble, James N.	Cincinnati.
126	Gartner, Ernst.	North Germany.
127	Gassaway, Mark H.	South Carolina.
128	Gay, William E.	South India.
129	Getty, Edward L.	Northwest Kansas.
130	Gibson, John	Des Moines.
131	Gilluly, Joseph W	Colorado.
132	Glassco, James M.	Illinois.
133	Gleason, William G.	Pittsburg.
134	Golder, Gotlieb.	Central German.
135	Goss, Charles A.	North Nebraska.
136	Grant, John H.	Michigan.
137	Gray, David S.	Ohio.
138	Greeno, Charles L	Cincinnati.
139	Greenslet, G. B.	Troy.
140	Guibord, Alfred	Troy.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
141	Haile, Levi C	Florida.
142	Halbert, Reese S	Texas.
143	Hale, Wesley D	New York.
144	Hander, Edwin W	Southern German.
145	Hanson, Carl	Norwegian and Danish.
146	Hanson, Lester W	Vermont.
147	Harman, Charles W	New York East.
148	Harris, Abram W	East Maine.
149	Hartman, Louis	Central German.
150	Haw, Christopher	Iowa.
151	Hawes, Charles R	North India.
152	Hays, James L	Newark.
153	Henline, Stephen A. D	West Nebraska.
154	Herrick, George T	North Indiana.
155	Hinners, John L	St. Louis German.
156	Hoffman, Christian	West German.
157	Holden, John C	Michigan.
158	Holland, Joseph E	Wilmington.
159	Hollowell, M. Delos	Central New York.
160	Hornby, George H	Northwest Nebraska.
161	Horton, Oliver H	Rock River.
162	Hoskins, Samuel A	Central Ohio.
163	Howard, William B	New York East.
164	Hukill, George P	Erie.
165	Hukill, Gideon E	Wilmington.
166	Huntington, Albert C	Detroit.
167	Husbands, George M. R	Mississippi.
168	Hurt, Jefferson J	South Kansas.
169	Hutchinson, Thomas B	California.
170	Ingram, Thomas L	Northwest India.
171	Israelson, John W	Western Swedish.
172	James, John E	Philadelphia.
173	Jeffery, Oscar	Newark.
174	Jennings, S. Harvey	Southwest Kansas.
175	Johnson, James A	California.
176	Johnson, Martin N	North Dakota.
177	Johnson, Milton, Sr	Illinois.
178	Johnson, Presley M	Southern Illinois.
179	Johnson, Richard H	Savannah.
180	Johnson, Samuel	Michigan.
181	Johnson, Walter J	Delaware.
182	Johnson, William F	Upper Iowa.
183	Johnson, William H. H	Minnesota.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
184	Kellogg, George D.	California.
185	Kellom, Frank P	New Hampshire.
186	Kendall, Marcellus A.	West Virginia.
187	Kennedy, Howard T.	Troy.
188	Kent, James V.	Northwest Indiana.
189	Kerrick, Leonidas H.	Illinois.
190	Kettlekamp, Friedrich	St. Louis German.
191	King, John W.	Ohio.
192	Kinney, Albert B. F.	New England.
193	Kling, Otto L.	Sweden.
194	Knapp, Byron S.	Detroit.
195	Knox, William J	Indiana.
196	Korner, Ernst W.	South Germany.
197	Laidlaw, Robert	Bengal-Burma.
198	Lake, Ezra B.	New Jersey.
199	Lane, Charles E	Northwest Iowa.
200	Lane, Jacob I.	Central Missouri.
201	Langley, George B.	New Jersey.
202	Lauder, Robert	New York East.
203	Laylin, Lewis C	North Ohio.
204	Lent, Abraham D	New York.
205	Lewis, James P	Northern New York.
206	Libby, George W	Columbia River.
207	Lindsay, William	Montana.
208	Lippitt, Costello	New England Southern.
209	Lippy, Thomas S	Puget Sound.
210	Locke, Ira S	Maine.
211	Lore, Charles B.	Wilmington.
212	Love, Isaac A	Illinois.
213	Lovinggood, Reuben S	Texas.
214	Lowe, Nicholas	South America.
215	Magee, Charles R.	New England.
216	Magill, Henry P.	West Wisconsin.
217	Mann, Ernst.	South Germany.
218	Mansfield, John A	East Ohio.
219	Marshall, Thomas S.	Southern Illinois.
220	Martin, Eben W.	Black Hills.
221	Mason, Joseph E.	Detroit.
222	Matthews, William B	West Virginia.
223	Maxwell, William H	Philadelphia.
224	McClellan, Charles P.	New York.
225	McDowell, David A.	North Ohio.
226	McKissack, Ephraim E	Upper Mississippi.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
227	McMahon, Mattie Y	Illinois.
228	Merritt, Leonidas	Northern Minnesota.
229	Merry, John F	Upper Iowa.
230	Metoyer, Reno C	Louisiana.
231	Mickey, John H	Nebraska.
232	Miller, David P	Baltimore.
233	Miller, Oscar P	Northwest Iowa.
234	Miller, Robert T	Kentucky.
235	Mitchell, John M	Southern Illinois.
236	Moler, John	Iowa.
237	Moore, Edward D	Indiana.
238	Morgan, Benjamin J	Lexington.
239	Morris, Silas E	Dakota.
240	Morse, Charles C	Louisiana.
241	Moses, William	Northern Minnesota.
242	Mosher, Horace A	Central New York.
243	Moss, George W	Rock River.
244	Mouser, Homer S	Dakota.
245	Munroe, Edwin S	Rock River.
246	Murphy, Mitchell M	Northwest Indiana.
247	Murray, Thomas H	Central Pennsylvania.
248	Naylor, John M	North Ohio.
249	Neal, Horace E	Idaho.
250	Neumiller, Christian	California German.
251	Newcomb, Don Carlos	Kansas.
252	Nichols, William H	East Maine.
253	Noftsker, John T	Central Illinois.
254	Norton, Matthew G	Minnesota.
255	Noyes, Herbert J	West Wisconsin.
256	Odell, William A	Oregon.
257	Ovelton, Thomas R	Washington.
258	Paine, Bartlett L	Nebraska.
259	Palmer, Lewis A	Kansas.
260	Parker, Samuel	Northwest Iowa.
261	Patten, John A	Holston.
262	Pattison, Robert E	Philadelphia.
263	Payne, Dillon H	Iowa.
264	Penn, Irvin G	Washington.
265	Pettibone, Eugene E	Upper Mississippi.
266	Pettyjohn, Elmore S	Michigan.
267	Pew, James O	East Ohio.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
268	Pitts, G. Fred	New York.
269	Poland, J. Wesley	Missouri.
270	Potter, Henry A	Michigan.
271	Powell, George K	Wyoming.
272	Powell, Joseph W	Genesee.
273	Prather, Silas H	Missouri.
274	Price, John M	New York East.
275	Price, Luther J	Atlanta.
276	Proctor, Charles W	Missouri.
277	Pyle, Elbert M	Southern California.
278	Rawlings, Joshua S	Baltimore.
279	Raymond, Robert F	New England Southern.
280	Rea, Everett A	Des Moines.
281	Regnell, Bengt J	Central Swedish.
282	Reynolds, G. F	Wyoming.
283	Ridenour, Nicholas S	Blue Ridge.
284	Riley, William L	Central Alabama.
285	Ripton, Benjamin H	Troy.
286	Ritter, Wilhelm	Switzerland.
287	Roberts, Alexander H	Des Moines.
288	Rogers, Cephas B	New York East.
289	Rose, Reginald H	St. Louis.
290	Rote, John R	Central Pennsylvania.
291	Rowley, Elett T	Detroit.
292	Russell, George R	Northern New York.
293	Sackett, Frederick B	Oregon.
294	Salzer, Henry A	Northwest German.
295	Samson, Hudson	Pittsburg.
296	Samuels, Alexander M	Atlanta.
297	Sawyer, Edward J	South Carolina.
298	Scott, Charles	Philadelphia.
299	Selby, George D	Ohio.
300	Seward, Charles W	Ohio.
301	Shaw, Leslie M	Des Moines.
302	Shaw, Samuel	Philadelphia.
303	Sheets, Benjamin F	Rock River.
304	Sia Tieng Ang	Foochow.
305	Simmons, Milton F	St. Louis.
306	Simpson, Matthew V	Philadelphia.
307	Sims, Henry	Erie.
308	Skirm, William H	New Jersey.
309	Slaughter, John P	Kansas.
310	Small, Albert A	North Indiana.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
311	Small, Charles J	East Tennessee.
312	Smith, Frank B	Louisiana.
313	Smith, J. Maltbie	Central New York.
314	Snyder, Daniel B	Upper Iowa.
315	Southwick, Orren F	Minnesota.
316	Speer, C. Price	Central Pennsylvania.
317	Starnes, Green J	West Texas.
318	Stephens, Henry	Bombay.
319	Strang, Edward H	Troy.
320	Swisher, Abraham E	Upper Iowa.
321	Takaki, Masayoshi	Japan.
322	Talley, J. Smith	Northwest Indiana.
323	Taylor, Benjamin U	Genesee.
324	Taylor, Thomas B	Upper Iowa.
325	Thomas, Charles L	Southern California.
326	Thomas, Wade H	North Carolina.
327	Thompson, John S	Central Illinois.
328	Titus, Bennett E	Central New York.
329	Tuttle, Ezra B	New York East.
330	Ulerich, William W	Pittsburg.
331	Van Sant, Nicholas G	Rock River.
332	Voshall, Henry	St. Louis German.
333	Wallace, Albert J	Southern California.
334	Walthall, Daniel B. V	Central Alabama.
335	Warner, William	Columbia River.
336	Warnock, William R	Cincinnati.
337	Washburn, George F	New England.
338	Washington, John A	Lexington.
339	Watt, Rolla V	California.
340	Wayland, William A	Ohio.
341	Welsh, William J	Wyoming.
342	Wharton, Nathan B	West Wisconsin.
343	Whipple, Charles M	Rock River.
344	White, James A	East Ohio.
345	Whiting, Danforth J	Minnesota.
346	Whitworth, George G	Michigan.
347	Williams, Anthony D	Liberia.
348	Williams, Silas J	East Ohio.
349	Wilson, Charles H	Iowa.
350	Wilson, Herbert S	Delaware.
351	Winkler, Egbert	East German.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
352	Winslow, Charles W	Northwest Kansas.
353	Woodcock, William L	Central Pennsylvania.
354	Wooley, Matthias	New Jersey.
355	Yates, Richard	Illinois.
356	Zellers, John W	Central Ohio.

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	Delegates.	Conferences.
1	Alston, Matthew M	Atlanta.
2	Anderson, Milton S	Columbia River.
3	Atwater, Wesley D	Black Hills.
4	Avann, James M	Central Ohio.
5	Baketel, Oliver S	New Hampshire.
6	Baldwin, Stephen L	Newark.
7	Ball, Samuel A	Virginia.
8	Ballantyne, James A	Pittsburg.
9	Bartholomew, William F	Des Moines.
10	Bartley, William	Texas.
11	Bates, George H	New England Southern.
12	Beadles, William T	Illinois.
13	Beard, James N	California.
14	Beazell, Benjamin F	Pittsburg.
15	Belt, Leroy A	Central Ohio.
16	Benson, Michael	West Wisconsin.
17	Bentley, Robert	California.
18	Black, James H	Central Pennsylvania.
19	Bonn, Frederick	California German.
20	Bowen, Nicholas T	South Carolina.
21	Brown, James H	Troy.
22	Brown, Steward H	Washington.
23	Bruere, William W	Bombay.
24	Brushingham, John P	Rock River.
25	Buck, Samuel	Northwest Indiana.
26	Butler, Wesley R	Louisiana.
27	Campbell, Stephen B	Missouri.
28	Camphor, Alexander P	Liberia.
29	Carnine, Robert A	Colorado.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
30	Carroll, Nathaniel M	Washington.
31	Chadwick, James S	New York East.
32	Cleveland, Joseph G	Japan.
33	Cooper, Charles S	Iowa.
34	Cooper, Henry P	North Dakota.
35	Corkill, Thomas H	Austin.
36	Cowgill, Frank B	Minnesota.
37	Creasy, Ephraim H	Central Tennessee.
38	Davenport, Walter R	Vermont.
39	Davies, William W	Ohio.
40	Dean, John S. W	Nebraska.
41	Delaplain, Elmer C	Oklahoma.
42	Denton, Douglas A	West Virginia.
43	Dibble, Stephen T	Northern New York.
44	Dietz, Henry	Southern German.
45	Dobson, Joseph O	Dakota.
46	Doddridge, John H	Indiana.
47	Downey, David G	New York East.
48	Dryer, George H	Genesee.
49	Durboraw, Charles T	South Kansas.
50	Eighmy, Philip H	Northwest Nebraska.
51	Erikson, Jakob M	Sweden.
52	Euroza, Justo M	Mexico.
53	Everett, Thomas J	New England Southern.
54	Faulkner, John A	Wyoming.
55	Fielder, William	Northern Minnesota.
56	Fisher, John F	East Ohio.
57	Flint, John W	Southern Illinois.
58	Floyd, John C	Michigan.
59	Ford, Thomas B	Oregon.
60	Foss, Herbert E	East Maine.
61	Fradenburgh, Jason N	Erie.
62	Franklin, De Witt C	Des Moines.
63	Frizziero, Aristide	Italy.
64	Funk, Edward J	Northern German.
65	Gallagher, John	Nebraska.
66	Gary, Frank	Texas.
67	Gehrett, Samuel W	Philadelphia.
68	Germond, Philip	New York.
69	Gilder, George K	South India.
70	Goodsell, Henry	West Wisconsin.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
71	Gould, Charles L	Upper Iowa.
72	Grider, Frederick	Kentueky.
73	Griffin, Thomas A	Troy.
74	Hager, Clarence E	Dakota.
75	Hall, Truman F	Wyoming.
76	Hammond, David S	West Virginia.
77	Hammons, Robert P	Idaho.
78	Hanna, John D. C	Wilmington.
79	Hansen, Christian L	Western Nor.-Danish.
80	Hansen, Oliver L	Norwegian and Danish.
81	Hardaway, William E	West Nebraska.
82	Harle, Jacob	South Germany.
83	Harrington, William S	Puget Sound.
84	Haylett, Henry P	Wisconsin.
85	Hempel, Gustav	North Germany.
86	Herrman, Christian	West German.
87	Hertzler, Edward E	St. Louis German.
88	Hess, Martin	Central Swedish.
89	Hibbler, John C	Mississippi.
90	Hiller, Gustav E	Central German.
91	Hodgetts, Alfred	North Nebraska.
92	Horst, John H	Central German.
93	Housel, Lauren O	Northwest Kansas.
94	Houston, Julius C	Mississippi.
95	Hughes, Jordan M	Central Missouri.
96	Hunt, Enoch J	St. Louis.
97	Innis, George S	Northern Minnesota.
98	Jackson, James W	Little Rock.
99	Jackson, J, Will	Central Missouri.
100	Jacoby, Philip W	St. Louis German.
101	Jamison, Perry O	Upper Mississippi.
102	Jenkins, George W. W	Washington.
103	Johnson, Charles F	North Ohio.
104	Johnson, Joseph G	Alabama.
105	Jones, Robert E	North Carolina.
106	Keeney, Frederick T	Central New York.
107	King, William F	Upper Iowa.
108	Knapp, Albert D	North Ohio.
109	Knowles, Daniel C	New Hampshire.
110	Knowles, James O	New England.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
111	Lake, S. Wesley	New Jersey.
112	Landry, Pierre	Louisiana.
113	Lasby, Charles C	Indiana.
114	Latimer, Ebenezer H	Genesee.
115	Lenig, Frank	St. Louis.
116	Lennox, Lambert E	Michigan.
117	Le Sourd, David G	Puget Sound.
118	Lindkvist, Harold L	Western Swedish.
119	Lindsay, George D	Maine.
120	Lockwood, Edmund J	Upper Iowa.
121	Long, Lucian W. B	Oklahoma.
122	Longley, Benjamin	Minnesota.
123	Lucy, David C	West Texas.
124	Maclean, Alexander R	South Kansas.
125	Madison, Wilbur C	Colorado.
126	Mansell, Henry	Northwest India.
127	Mansell, William A	North India.
128	Marley, William T	East Tennessee.
129	Martindale, William J	Southwest Kansas.
130	Mastin, Charles A	West Nebraska.
131	Matney, William C	Blue Ridge.
132	Matthew, Winfield S	Southern California.
133	McConnell, John S. J	Philadelphia.
134	McCreary, Edward D	California.
135	McDonald, Warren	Upper Mississippi.
136	McDowell, Isaiah	Northwest Kansas.
137	McMasters, Rufus H	Arkansas.
138	Merrell, Frank W	Central Illinois.
139	Miller, Charles E	Northern New York.
140	Miller, Thomas C	Southern California.
141	Mitchell, James	Georgia.
142	Morf, C. Ferdinand	Chicago German.
143	Motter, John A	Kansas.
144	Mowbray, Alpheus S	Wilmington.
145	Mulfinger, Julius A	Chicago German.
146	Murray, John C	North Indiana.
147	Naftzger, Leslie J	North Indiana.
148	Neeld, Frank C	North India.
149	Newcomb, George S	Holston.
150	Nichols, John C	Central New York.
151	Nicholson, James C	Baltimore.
152	North, Frank M	New York East.
153	Nutter, Charles S	Vermont.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
154	O'Neal, Reuben R	Savannah.
155	Parsons, Charles F	Maine.
156	Patterson, James P	Florida.
157	Peter, Leonard	Switzerland.
158	Poland, John H	Missouri.
159	Pooley, Robert H	Rock River.
160	Rader, Luther S	St. John's River.
161	Ranger, Charles M	Michigan.
162	Rees, William H. W	Des Moines.
163	Rey, Ferdinand H	East German.
164	Riggin, Francis A	Montana.
165	Robbins, James W	East Ohio.
166	Robinette, James J	Holston.
167	Rolfing, William H	Northwest German.
168	Roth, Johannes	Sweden.
169	Royal, Stanley O	Cincinnati.
170	Sallenbach, Edward	West German.
171	Schell, Edwin A	Northwest Indiana.
172	Shenk, John W	North Nebraska.
173	Shepard, Elman L	Kentucky.
174	Shockley, Alfred R	Delaware.
175	Skelton, David E	Lexington.
176	Slutz, Worthington B	Southwest Kansas.
177	Smith, George W	Newark.
178	Smith, Julius	Bengal-Burma.
179	Smith, Moses	West Texas.
180	Smith, William A	Illinois.
181	Smith, William F	Central Alabama.
182	Smylie, Robert	Northwest Iowa.
183	Smyth, George B	Foochow.
184	Spencer, Claudius B	Colorado.
185	Spencer, William A	Rock River.
186	Stalker, Arthur W	Detroit.
187	Stansfield, Joshua	Detroit.
188	Stephens, Robert	Illinois.
189	Story, John A	Cincinnati.
190	Strickland, William P. C	New Jersey.
191	Stubbs, Reuben N	Erie.
192	Summerville, David T	Oregon.
193	Taylor, Edward M	New England.
194	Thomas, Benjamin E	Ohio.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
195	Thorn, William G	Iowa.
196	Tindley, Charles A	Delaware.
197	Torjussen, Christian	Norway.
198	Townsend, Israel	Central Alabama.
199	Trever, George H	Wisconsin.
200	Turner, Lyman G	Lexington.
201	Underwood, William H	Kansas.
202	Uren, John	Columbia River.
203	Vance, William H	North Dakota.
204	Van Pelt, Samuel	Central Illinois.
205	Walker, Frank	Louisiana.
206	Wallis, William	Southern Illinois.
207	Wharff, Isaac H. W	East Maine.
208	Wilson, Conrad B	Tennessee.
209	Wilson, James O	New York.
210	Wilson, Luther T	Baltimore.
211	Witherspoon, Benjamin F	South Carolina.
212	Woodworth, Leonard H	Northwest Iowa.
213	Wragg, John P	Atlanta.
214	Wright, Clark	New York.
215	Yocum, Ezra H	Central Pennsylvania.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LAY RESERVE DELEGATES ELECTED.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
1	Akers, William R	Northwest Nebraska.
2	Alderman, Arza	East Ohio.
3	Alexander, Moses S	Louisiana.
4	Allen, Ira B	New England.
5	Allmon, John W	South Carolina.
6	Anderson, James M	New York East.
7	Auton, Frederick A	West German.
8	Backus, George E	Newark.
9	Bailey, Samuel H	New England Southern.
10	Baker, Joseph V	Northern New York.
11	Baker, Philip S	Northwest Indiana.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
12	Baynard, Samuel H	Wilmington.
13	Beason, George T	Washington.
14	Beattie, John	New York.
15	Beck, Moses M	Kansas.
16	Belknap, Edward H	Oregon.
17	Belt, William A	Central Ohio.
18	Benedict, Charles R	Des Moines.
19	Bennett, Benjamin F	Baltimore.
20	Bigney, Andrew J	Indiana.
21	Bintz, John	West German.
22	Birdseye, John C	Troy.
23	Bishop, Wesley G	Baltimore.
24	Blevins, Samuel	Upper Mississippi.
25	Bowdoin, John L	Atlanta.
26	Boxwell, Alexander	Cincinnati.
27	Bradford, Ira B	West Wisconsin.
28	Braustrom, Carl J	Sweden.
29	Brown, Constant C	Central Illinois.
30	Brown, James H	New York.
31	Brown, William G	West Virginia.
32	Bruner, James H	Washington.
33	Bullock, James L	North Carolina.
34	Bush, Anderson S	Puget Sound.
35	Callahan, Ethelbert	Southern Illinois.
36	Campbell, George W	Erie.
37	Carl, Herbert	New York.
38	Carpenter, Alva	Genesee.
39	Carpenter, William	Northwest Indiana.
40	Carskaden, Thomas R	Baltimore.
41	Carson, Perry M	Central Missouri.
42	Case, Horace G	New Hampshire.
43	Cavin, John L	North Indiana.
44	Chapman, Joseph	East Ohio.
45	Christie, J. Elmer	Newark.
46	Clark, Jeptha C	Newark.
47	Clarke, Henry A	Central Alabama.
48	Claypool, Christopher C	Virginia.
49	Coates, Herbert P	South America.
50	Cole, Charles T	Arkansas.
51	Condon, James H	Northwest India.
52	Connelly, Henry M	Indiana.
53	Cook, David C	Rock River.
54	Cook, Edgar P	Rock River.
55	Cook, Marshall L	Michigan.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
56	Cooper, William T.	Holston.
57	Cornwell, Rella	Northwest Indiana.
58	Cramer, Robert D	Missouri.
59	Crawford, Hanford	St. Louis.
60	Crawford, William F	Central Illinois.
61	Crogman, William H.	Atlanta.
62	Cronemiller, William T.	California.
63	Crow, George R	Southern California.
64	Crowell, Charles C.	Upper Iowa.
65	Davidson, Alexander B	Kentucky.
66	Davis, John M.	West Virginia.
67	Dean, William J.	Northern Minnesota.
68	Dearborn, Charles H.	Minnesota.
69	Decker, Casper G.	Central New York.
70	Dennis, Levin E. P	Wilmington.
71	Dibble, Arthur J	Wyoming.
72	Diggs, James.	Central Missouri.
73	Ding, Hie Ung	Foochow.
74	Dowd, Edwin A.	Idaho.
75	Drummond, Everett R.	Maine.
76	Dunham, Miner B	Detroit.
77	Dykes, Henry S. R.	Central Alabama.
78	Dymond, Richard	Cincinnati.
79	Edsall, Benjamin F	Newark.
80	Eggleston, Rouse S.	Georgia.
81	Eklund, Henry	Central Swedish.
82	Ellis, John	Alabama.
83	Elverson, Joseph	New Jersey.
84	Eusan, Joseph C.	Texas.
85	Evans, John W.	Central Pennsylvania.
86	Excell, John W.	East Ohio.
87	Faust, John	East German.
88	Fess, Amon D.	Central Ohio.
89	Fettretch, Joseph	New York East.
90	Fields, Andrew C.	New York.
91	Finlaw, William P.	New Jersey.
92	Fletcher, John W.	Wilmington.
93	Flink, August.	Sweden.
94	Ford, Morris E.	North Nebraska.
95	Forderer, Joseph B	California.
96	Fox, Samuel A.	Wisconsin.
97	Fulcramer, John	Northwest Kansas.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
98	Fuller, Frederic D.	Kansas.
99	Fuller, Levi	Upper Iowa.
100	Furbie, James H.	West Virginia.
101	Furst, Joseph B	Central Pennsylvania.
102	Gann, John A.	North Ohio.
103	Garland, Jonathan M.	St. John's River.
104	Garrett, Benjamin H.	Lexington.
105	Gilbert, William N	Upper Iowa.
106	Gillispie, Joseph F.	Des Moines.
107	Gist, Thomas J	Nebraska.
108	Gleason, Samuel M.	Vermont.
109	Glidden, J. Clark.	New England.
110	Gorsuch, Charles C	Baltimore.
111	Grass, Joseph C	Liberia.
112	Grattan, Henry C.	New England.
113	Gratz, Carl	North Germany.
114	Graves, William E.	North India.
115	Green, John F.	South Carolina.
116	Greig, James M.	Genesee.
117	Grout, Thad. P.	Minnesota.
118	Grove, John H.	Central Ohio.
119	Gumbert, Louis F	Central Illinois.
120	Gunther, Carl.	South Germany.
121	Gutbrod, Jakob	North Germany.
122	Hagan, William F.	St. Louis German.
123	Hall, Homer.	Missouri.
124	Hand, William H.	Upper Iowa.
125	Hare, James E.	South Kansas.
126	Harris, Samuel B	Detroit.
127	Harrison, James	New York.
128	Hartley, Forrest M.	Southwest Kansas.
129	Harvey, James O	Central Tennessee.
130	Hawley, Willis C	Oregon.
131	Headley, Edwin R.	Columbia River.
132	Heisler, William H.	New Jersey.
133	Henson, Isaac L	West Texas.
134	Hepworth, Joseph	Northern New York.
135	Herrick, Arthur E	New England.
136	Herron, William G.	Illinois.
137	Hewitt, Calvin B	St. Louis.
138	Higgins, Charles W.	Philadelphia.
139	Hileman, George N.	Minnesota.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
140	Hill, George	Tennessee.
141	Hillseth, John W	Western Nor.-Danish.
142	Hobson, Samuel D	Vermont.
143	Hodde, Henry C	Southern German.
144	Hoffert, Henry J	Northern German.
145	Homberger, T. Johannes	Switzerland.
146	Houg, Harold H	Norwegian and Danish.
147	Houston, Solomon T	Delaware.
148	Huffman, Daniel W	Southern California.
149	Hukill, George P	Detroit.
150	Humphries, Benore S	Little Rock.
151	Huston, Emory S	Iowa.
152	Johnson, George B	Cincinnati.
153	Jones, James S	Kentucky.
154	Jung, William	Northwest German.
155	Junkin, John E	Southwest Kansas.
156	Kalmbach, George	Central German.
157	Karnopp, Carl	Chicago German.
158	Kaull, T. Fred	New England Southern.
159	Kelley, Elmer E	California.
160	Kelly, Charles O	New Hampshire.
161	Kendall, Cyrus D	Southern Illinois.
162	Kennedy, Josiah F	Des Moines.
163	Kern, Frank	Illinois.
164	Kerwood, Asbury L	North Indiana.
165	Ketron, Joseph H	Holston.
166	Kilborn, Clarence	Northwest Iowa.
167	Kratz, Reuben N	Dakota.
168	Larson, William	Wisconsin.
169	Lehman, Eva R	Wisconsin.
170	Leiter, Jere	California.
171	Lennox, William	Colorado.
172	Lewis, Charles L	Nebraska.
173	Littlejohn, Junius T	South Carolina.
174	Llewellyn, Frank P	Central Pennsylvania.
175	Lobeck, Charles O	Western Swedish.
176	Long, Charles H	Central Illinois.
177	Lord, Loren B	Troy.
178	Lovejoy, Joseph A	Des Moines.
179	Madison, John C	West Texas.
180	Magly, William	Central German.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
181	Mando, Luigi	Italy.
182	Manley, Allen C	Michigan.
183	Manning, George	Mexico.
184	Marietta, James E	Upper Iowa.
185	Martin, A. M	Erie.
186	Martin, Benjamin J	East Tennessee.
187	Mather, Charles F	North Indiana.
188	Matthews, James L	Indiana.
189	Mattison, Archibald M	North Ohio.
190	McAlaster, William H. H	Maine.
191	McCord, William H	Central Illinois.
192	McDaniel, Joseph	Illinois.
193	McIlmoyle, Henry A	Northern New York.
194	McMullen, James W	Iowa.
195	McVey, Alfred H	Des Moines.
196	Melick, John P	Central Pennsylvania.
197	Meminger, Theodore H	Central Pennsylvania.
198	Merrifield, Willis A	Rock River.
199	Metcalf, Elbert K	Illinois.
200	Miller, Adam H	Southwest Kansas.
201	Miller, Henry	St. Louis German.
202	Mills, J. W	Ohio.
203	Minnich, Harvey C	Cincinnati.
204	Moore, Charles V	New York.
205	Moore, George C	Wilmington.
206	Moore, Sylvanus	Wyoming.
207	Mueller, Charles	Chicago German.
208	Muller, Charles J	South India.
209	Murdock, Jacob M	Pittsburg.
210	Murphy, Noah A	Texas.
211	Myers, Samuel M	Philadelphia.
212	Nemoto, Sho	Japan.
213	Newton, Revilo	South Kansas.
214	Nichols, Frederick	Delaware.
215	Nickerson, Frank H	East Maine.
216	Olds, Bernard L	Colorado.
217	Page, Levi	Central New York.
218	Parker, S. M	Nebraska.
219	Payne, Edward B	South Kansas.
220	Peck, George L	Wyoming.
221	Petri, Thomas R	Illinois.
222	Pierce, George R	New England Southern.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
223	Pierce, Herbert B.	Northwest Iowa.
224	Piper, Charles E.	Rock River.
225	Plank, Charles S.	Northern New York.
226	Plummer, Veranus L.	East Maine.
227	Potter, Delanos W.	Rock River.
228	Powell, Daniel.	Wyoming.
229	Pratt, Orlando T.	Southern California.
230	Pratt, William D.	Puget Sound.
231	Pritchard, Charles J. A	Bengal-Burma.
232	Rankin, Lewis L.	Ohio.
233	Ray, John W.	Indiana.
234	Reddix, Joseph A.	Louisiana.
235	Reed, Edward.	Delaware.
236	Reed, Joel H.	New England Southern.
237	Reed, Lindsay S.	Savannah.
238	Resche, Frederick	California German.
239	Richards, James A. D.	East Ohio.
240	Rickards, John E.	Montana.
241	Riggs, John U	Central Ohio.
242	Robbins, Edwin P.	Texas.
243	Robinson, James A.	Mississippi.
244	Robinson, Robert R.	Florida.
245	Rohrbough, Calendar	Southern Illinois.
246	Ross, Leonard E.	Rock River.
247	Ross, Stephen P.	Indiana.
248	Russell, Jarvan M.	New Hampshire.
249	Ruthenberg, Charles	St. Louis German.
250	Schwartz, Wesley H.	Central Pennsylvania.
251	Schwaub, Philip H.	Nebraska.
252	Scott, David W.	Oklahoma.
253	Scott, Thomas B.	Kansas.
254	Secrest, Samuel F.	Ohio.
255	Secrist, James B.	Pittsburg.
256	Sharp, Morris	Ohio.
257	Shepherd, Benjamin F.	Indiana.
258	Sherman, Lucius S.	California.
259	Shimer, Benjamin G.	North Indiana.
260	Short, August.	North Dakota.
261	Simmons, George I.	Washington.
262	Sims, Henry.	Detroit.
263	Slater, John A.	West Nebraska.
264	Smalley, Edward L.	Upper Iowa.
265	Smith, Banks M.	North Nebraska.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
266	Smith, Charles W	Blue Ridge.
267	Smith, Frank F	Indiana.
268	Smith, Leroy A	New York East.
269	Smith, William J	St. Louis.
270	Snyder, Zachariah X	Colorado.
271	Soetiber, Henry B	West Wisconsin.
272	Spensley, James	West Wisconsin.
273	Sperry, Wesley A	Minnesota.
274	Stainton, Robert	Genesee.
275	Starling, Charles W	Austin.
276	Stith, George W	Mississippi.
277	Stratton, Henry G	Columbia River.
278	Stuart, David O	Des Moines.
279	Sweet, Timothy B	Kansas.
280	Tanner, Frank H	Central Ohio.
281	Taylor, James E	New Jersey.
282	Taylor, William L	Northern Minnesota.
283	Thayer, John H	West Wisconsin.
284	Thomas, Amistead	Louisiana.
285	Thomas, John W	Wyoming.
286	Thomas, William H	Baltimore.
287	Thompson, David D	Rock River.
288	Thompson, Edward W	Upper Mississippi.
289	Thompson, La Fayette H	Northwest Kansas.
290	Thorsen, Theodor	Norway.
291	Throckmorton, William S	Pittsburg.
292	Thumm, George	South Germany.
293	Tillman, Gottfried	Switzerland.
294	Tilton, Horace G	Dakota.
295	Trotter, Frank B	West Virginia.
296	Tunnell, Frederick W	Philadelphia.
297	Turner, John S	New Jersey.
298	Umholtz, Frederick H	Oklahoma.
299	Valentine, Thomas B	Missouri.
300	Van Patten, James E	Northwest Iowa.
301	Vasey, L. A	Illinois.
302	Wagner, Carl A	Detroit.
303	Warden, William A	New England.
304	Watts, David A	Southern Illinois.
305	Weeks, Alphonso V	Lexington.
306	Wheeler, Jerome W	Northern Minnesota.

	Delegates.	Conferences.
307	Wilcomb, Frederick	New England.
308	Williams, Jay W	Northwest Indiana.
309	Wilson, Clayton W	Northwest Iowa.
310	Wilson, Stephen E	Black Hills.
311	Wimberly, Thomas M	West Nebraska.
312	Wirsing, James J	Pittsburg.
313	Wisegarver, William S	Illinois.
314	Wisner, Alice	Wisconsin.
315	Woods, Samuel V	West Virginia.
316	Woy, George W	Illinois.
317	Wright, Tobias T	Bombay.
318	Wyard, J. Morley	North Dakota.
319	Wykoff, William M	Ohio.

RECAPITULATION.

Ministerial Delegates	358	
Lay Delegates	356	
		714
Ministerial Reserve Delegates	215	
Lay Reserve Delegates	319	
		534
Total		1,248

North China elected no Lay Delegate, nor any Reserve.
North India elected but one Lay Delegate.

THE EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

To the Twenty-eighth General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Pursuant to a custom which began with the first delegated General Conference in the year 1812, and in response to the invitation implied in your designation of this hour for this service, the Bishops respectfully present this their Quadrennial Address.

We salute you, the honored representatives of our Church from many lands, as brethren beloved in the household of faith. We share with you a sacred fellowship in the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, and in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God on earth. Whatever continents and seas separate our homes and fields of labor, however diverse are our lineage, our endowments, and our tasks, we are nevertheless one in Christ. There is, as we rejoice to know, a Christian unity larger than this, which includes all believing people. For all the Churches, therefore, we give thanks to God. We honor the sound learning, the steadfast faith, the saintly living, and the heroic service which abound in them. But a peculiar tie binds us to those who within the great Christian commonwealth bear the same family name as ourselves, who inherit with us the traditions and spirit of noble Methodist founders, who, with these fathers, still interpret the truth and grace of Christ as impartial, all-comprehensive, and all-sufficient, and who, by special affinities and the providence of God, are our immediate coworkers in the kingdom of Christ. In this fellowship we rejoice and will rejoice.

The Tasks Awaiting the Conference.

With our greetings accept also our congratulations upon your presence in this body. It is an honor which matches great opportunities and obligations. At a time of amazing activity in every department of human life; at a time of severe testing for all opinions, institutions, and methods; at a time of vast changes in the relations of nation to nation, of society to its

component parts, and of Christianity to the regions which lie without its domain; at a time, therefore, when the Church must reckon with new forces in thought, new problems in society, and new vehicles of influence—at such a time you enter, by the suffrages of your brethren, the supreme council of one of the chief Churches of Christendom. Questions solemn, far-reaching, and difficult immediately confront you. How shall a Church already signally favored by the presence and blessing of God more perfectly attain and embody the mind of its Lord? How shall it be better equipped for his service? What new guards, if any, are needed for faith and morals? What of the old in its methods shall be discarded, and what jealously conserved? What of the new shall be cautiously but courageously adopted? Under what new inspirations, in what new directions, and by what new agencies may it cope masterfully with new conditions of thought and life?

Such questions can be answered only by men of high intellectual and spiritual quality. And such men will share the humility and the solicitude which extorted from the great apostle the cry, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Brethren, it is the inspiration of the Almighty which giveth understanding. We join you, therefore, in humble prayer that he will cleanse the thoughts of all hearts by the inspiration of his Holy Spirit, that thereby we may be free from the evils which so often infest and mislead Church councils: the shallow self-conceit, the pride of opinion and of leadership, ambition for place, the partisanship and the personal friendships which submerge public interests, the hasty and perilous prejudgment of men and policies, and the worldliness which finds Church success in aught but righteousness. And in this hour of unparalleled need and opportunity we invoke with you from the great Head of the Church "the spirit of power, of love, and of a sound mind."

Memorial Note.

The night cometh, when no man can work. Since the last General Conference twenty-four brethren who shared its labors have passed, as we trust, through the deep shadow into the light which is beyond. Some of them were at the height of a vigorous and successful ministry. Some were rich in civic honors and usefulness. Four of them held conspicuous official positions by

the will of the General Conference. As memorial services will doubtless be ordered for these departed leaders, we here only name, but with reverent and tender affection, John Philip Newman, Bishop; Alpha J. Kynett, for thirty-four years Secretary of the Board of Church Extension; Charles H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education; and Franz L. Nagler, Editor of *Haus und Herd.*

Nor can we forget other brethren, not members of the last General Conference, who have during the last quadrennium closed lives of distinguished service to the Church, as William Nast, D.D., the honored father of German Methodism; Luke Hitchcock, D.D., the wise Publishing Agent; William Butler, D.D., the founder of Methodist missions in India and Mexico.

They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

The General Conference of A. D. 1800.

This Conference of the year of our Lord 1900 naturally recalls the General Conference which met one hundred years ago. Marvelous changes have, however, passed upon the American State and Church, and we can but faintly reproduce the conditions, the men, and the work of that assembly.

The western boundary of the young Republic was then the Mississippi River; the Spanish Floridas shut it entirely from the Gulf of Mexico. The population was five and one quarter million—one sixth slaves. Less than four hundred thousand, not including Indians, lived west of the Alleghenies, and of these only fifty-one thousand in the great Northwest Territory. No white man dwelt upon the site of the great city, Chicago, where we are now met. In all the land there was no power loom, no power press, no large manufactory in textiles, wood, or iron, no canal, no railway or steam vessel, no telegraph, no telephone. The possibilities of electricity in light, heat, and power were unknown and unsuspected. The cotton gin had just begun its revolutionary work. Intercommunication was difficult, the postal service slow and costly, literature scanty and mostly of inferior quality. John Adams was President, but the election of Jefferson and a marked change in governmental policy were imminent. To many at home the new Republic still seemed an unpromising venture; abroad it met large dislike and contempt.

Under such conditions the General Conference of 1800 met in

Baltimore, Md. Its members had made their toilful way, mostly on horseback, from New England and Canada, from Georgia and South Carolina, from the valleys of the Kanawha, the Holston, and the Cumberland, and, in larger numbers, from the circuits of the Central States. The printed Journal of the Conference fills sixteen pages. It contains no roll of members; but we know that beside Bishops Coke and Asbury there were present such heroes and leaders as Ezekiel Cooper, William Burke, Nicholas Snethen, Thomas Morrell, Joshua Wells, Jesse Lee, Philip Bruce, Robert Roberts, and William McKendree. In the election of Bishop 115 votes were cast, and Richard Whatcoat was chosen by one more than a majority. These votes represented 272 preachers and 61,315 Church members. During the quadrennium there had been a gain of only 1,060 members; the next year reported a gain of 3,500. The contrast may forbid undue alarm at frequently recurring changes in the rate of annual or quadrennial increase.

During the thirteen days of the session the chief discussions concerned the work of the Bishops, the election of Presiding Elders, the Book Concern, Slavery in the Church, the support of Preachers and their families, and Ordinations. No Methodist school then surviving, all regulations for education were stricken from the Discipline. The Journal does not even mention the recently instituted Sunday School. There was no Church periodical; auxiliary societies and boards were unknown; no House of Mercy had been builded. A sparsely settled country, prevailing poverty, and the vast and exhausting range of the circuit work forbade for that time this more highly organized life.

A Century of Methodist Life.

From such conditions we turn with wonder and thankfulness to those now existing. Our reference is not chiefly to national progress; to the advancement of the Republic in territory, in population, and in influence; to its material, intellectual, and social development; nor to liberty and order, so far in its history happily conjoined. Such topics might befit this occasion, but must not detain us. Nor may we dwell upon the growth and present vigor of the American Churches under the voluntary principle, though with profound gratitude we accept the compu-

tations by which it appears that in the Protestant Churches of the United States the ratio of communicants to the whole population has advanced during the century from one in fourteen to one in five.

Our topic is more specific. During the century the various Methodist Churches in the United States, all being derivatives from the one Church of 1800, have increased from sixty-one thousand communicants to nearly six million; that is, in a population which has increased fourteenfold the Methodist Churches have increased more than ninety-sevenfold. Commensurate with this, or even beyond it, has been the increase of the Ministry, of Churches and Church property, and of Church literature. The Church school, which had no existence in 1800, has been founded, and in its various grades is now numbered by the hundreds. Meantime the great benevolences of the Church have been successively organized. Our mission fields are on all continents, and God grants gracious increase among many races. New philanthropies, exponents of the grace of Him who went about doing good, have risen in all our chief cities. The successive additions to the Republic, from the Louisiana purchase to the islands and island groups recently acquired from Spain, have all been occupied by our vast itinerant system.

But it is the interior and spiritual view of the century of Church life which profoundly moves the thoughtful soul. Spiritual results, indeed, admit no arithmetical measurement. We cannot even approximately estimate them. What multitudes for whom Christ died have through this ministration been saved from sin, and enriched and ennobled for the service of this present life! What comforts of patience, sweetness, and hope have been conveyed to innumerable weary and saddened souls! How have earthly homes been purified and exalted into the image of the heavenly! How many dull and narrow intellects have been enlightened and enlarged for world-wide uses by the ministry of the pulpit, the school, and the press! What quickening and aid have been brought to other Churches through freer and truer interpretation of the Christian scheme! What contributions have been made by a Church coeval with the Republic to civic virtue and order! And what uncounted companies of "our translated friends" now before the throne are triumphant witnesses for the work of the hundred years which now end!

The Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

It was upon a review of these mercies that the Bishops, in November, 1898, determined to call on the Church for a special and suitable expression of its gratitude to the God of our redemption. They asked, first, for a renewed and unreserved consecration of our people to the will and glory of our divine Redeemer, that thereby his life and love may have unobstructed way in us, and through us to a world dead in sin; and secondly, for such pecuniary gifts as would be the visible tokens of our gratitude, and also the means of a larger and better service in the future. The Quadrennial Hand Book sets forth, in the report on this subject, the Original Appeal of the Bishops and the subsequent action of the Twentieth Century Commission, and of its Executive Committee, and, in some degree, the work of its Secretary, Rev. E. M. Mills, D.D., of the Central New York Conference.

We are glad to report that even before the meeting of the Commission the response of the Church to the initiative of the Bishops began to be heard. At the present time the busy notes of action and of preparation for action come from every side, and it is confidently expected that when the three years—1899, 1900, and 1901—allotted to the movement shall have ended the special gifts made under the call will in the aggregate reach nearly, if not quite, to the sum named in the original proposition. The achievement, we are confident, will agree with the magnitude of the plan. There are also many tokens in the Church of renewed consecration and increased zeal. The cry for souls —for a million converts as we pass from one century to another—has stirred great convictions of need and duty. And the more recent searching appeal of the Bishops for a week of humiliation, fasting, and prayer took signal effect in many Churches. Many gracious revivals have followed, the first fruits, we trust, of an abundant harvest.

We submit our action to your consideration in the hope that you will not only approve it, but also will take such additional action as may aid the success of the movement, both on its spiritual and on its pecuniary side. It seems probable to us that many of our people will desire to make undesignated contributions, the particular use of which shall, as suggested in the

original scheme, be determined by the General Conference. These gifts will not probably be in large individual sums, but in the aggregate may greatly aid some part of our Church work. In particular, provision should be made to meet the moderate expenses of the work of the central office, for which some members of the Executive Committee have made themselves personally responsible. Whether a general collection should be ordered for the gathering of these undesignated amounts your wisdom will determine. We submit the whole subject to your consideration.

Episcopal Work at Home.

We respectfully report to the General Conference a summary of our work as General Superintendents during the quadrennium. Our beloved brethren, the Missionary Bishops, will, in compliance with your wishes, make due report upon the work particularly assigned to them.

All the home Conferences and Missions, one hundred and twenty-three in number, have been met in annual session by the Bishops. At these annual sessions more than fourteen thousand ministers have received appointment to the pastorate or to other forms of Church work, as the Discipline provides. The tendency to prearrangement between ministers and churches, which has received the disapproval of several General Conferences, nevertheless does not diminish. If this is to continue, the evil would be greatly alleviated if the churches would reach their conclusions deliberately and not in haste, on full and not on partial information; if they would habitually hold the effect of a pastor's work upon the permanent life of the churches which he has served as incomparably better evidence of his fitness and ability than that afforded either by one or two sermons heard, it may be, casually, or by popular estimates of his success; and if a just and generous care for the interests of sister churches always existed. On the other hand, it would be an unspeakable gain if ministers knew no other motive in their choice but the greatest possible usefulness, and if they duly weighed the advantages of the longest possible term of pastoral service against the often only slight good promised by a change.

We have also, with inconsiderable exceptions, attended the annual meetings of the General Committees on Missions, on

Church Extension, and on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, and also the Semiannual Conferences of the Bishops. At many of these Conferences we have been gratified and aided by the presence of our honored seniors, Bishops Bowman and Foster, who, though excused by the last General Conference from the onerous presidency of Annual Conferences, have suffered no abatement of interest in the Church which they have so long and faithfully served.

At our semiannual meetings, as provided by the Discipline or by the action of the General Conference, we have appointed fraternal delegates to other ecclesiastical bodies; have filled vacancies which had occurred in various General Committees and Boards of the Church, and in the Corresponding Secretaryship of the Board of Church Extension; and have also constituted Commissions on the Organic Law of the Church, on Federation, and on the Ecumenical Conference of 1901.

Our service has also included the labor of a large correspondence, frequent and protracted consultations among ourselves and with others on many Church interests, membership in many Church Boards, extensive travel, the visitation of churches, service at dedications and in behalf of special Church interests, and also many addresses in various forms in popular assemblies. We trust that it will be found that we have faithfully done our work.

It may be added, as an item having some bearing on questions of future policy, that the reports of the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund show that (exclusive of expenses incurred by changes of residence under the order of the General Conference, and by visitation of Foreign Missions) the yearly official expenses of the Bishops have averaged less than four hundred dollars each.

Episcopal Work in Mission Fields.

Our supervision of Foreign Missions has followed the general order approved by the last General Conference. Bishops Joyce and Cranston have each given two years to Eastern Asia; Bishops Goodsell and Walden each two years to the nine Conferences and Missions in Europe; Bishops FitzGerald and McCabe two winters each to Mexico; Bishop Vincent the winter of 1896-97 to South America, Bishop Warren the two following winters, and Bishop Ninde the winter just past. Bishop Foss

visited India and Malaysia during the fall and winter of 1897-98, under the new rule for conjoint superintendency in such fields, being accompanied by the Rev. J. F. Goucher, D.D., of Baltimore, Md.

Though one or more of the General Superintendents was ready to visit Africa during the quadrennium, the condition of the work on that continent did not seem at this time to require or to justify such a visit. Believing that the Church would approve this conclusion, this field has been left under the exclusive jurisdiction of Bishop Hartzell.

As the result of the missionary visits thus reported the Bishops are prepared to speak of the existing method as a marked improvement on the methods heretofore in use. It tends to greater steadiness and wisdom of administration, and to a more effective representation of these fields before the home Church. This problem and the question of Foreign Episcopal residences will be brought to your attention by the action of all the Conferences and Missions in Europe and Eastern Asia.

State of the Church.

Of the state of the Church during the quadrennium we may speak under the heads of Numerical Growth, Benevolences, Doctrinal Fidelity, and Spiritual Life.

Numerical Growth. The increase of membership, including probationers, has been, in round numbers, 105,000, an increase of nearly four per cent since 1896. The ratio of increase in several quadrenniums past has been much larger than this. How to account for this smaller gain is not easily seen. Many attribute it, in part, to the changes in our law requiring a formal reception of probationers, and forbidding the enumeration of some "removed without letter," and, in part, to a greater carefulness in keeping church records, resulting both from the increased explicitness of the law and from the fact that numbers now enter largely into the basis of church apportionments. It is to be noted, however, that great and inexplicable variations have often occurred in the reports of successive quadrenniums. In 1864 there was reported a decrease of membership amounting to five per cent, for which the distractions of the civil war may account, as the recent war with Spain may, in part, account for recent results. In 1868 and 1872 the gain was re-

spectively twenty-two and twenty-four per cent, due in considerable degree to the enlargement of our Southern field and the increase in colored membership. Then followed gains of eleven, seven and a half, and four per cent, followed by gains of twelve, twenty, and sixteen per cent. The plain inference from these facts is that, while any decline in the rate of increase in any quadrennium should be occasion for solicitude and careful inquiry, it should not be the occasion for despondency and evil forebodings. There may be periods of silent preparation for growth, as well as periods of obvious growth. In the future, as in the past, small gains may soon be followed by larger.

Meantime some inquiries may have place. Has the emphasis put upon the securing of large benevolent collections been permitted to lessen the zeal and energy of the pastor in the work of conversion? Such a result ought not to follow: giving ought to be a means, as well as an evidence, of grace. But we are reluctantly constrained to believe that many pastors reckon success more by collections than by conversions.

Further, does the increased employment of evangelists for revival services abate in the pastor and in the people a sense of personal responsibility for the ingathering of men from the world of the unsaved? We believe that it has had such result in many cases.

Still further, has the lengthening of the pastoral term from two to three and from three to five years insensibly abated the evangelistic urgency among us, substituting for it a more leisurely system of pastoral teaching and training? Are we more content than formerly to defer the special appeal to the unconverted? Such a result may have had place without attracting large attention.

Benevolences. The returns of benevolent collections show a considerable, though not large, gain over those of the preceding quadrennium. In 1895 the debt of the Missionary Society was $239,000. This has been nearly paid, and the current collections of the Missionary Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society have advanced from $1,600,000 in the year 1895 to $1,738,000 in the year 1899. Other general collections show only small gains, or even a decline. For particulars we refer to the Quadrennial Hand Book. On the other hand, gifts for the support and enlargement of

charitable institutions, as hospitals, orphanages, homes for the aged, deaconess homes and training schools, and for city missions have very considerably advanced, indicative, we trust, of a growth in the Church toward the mind that was in Christ Jesus.

Doctrinal Fidelity. Inasmuch as the permanence and growth of the Christian Church, and of any part of it, are inseparable from fidelity to the truth as it is in Jesus, we rejoice to report our belief that the theological convictions and teachings of our Church are, in the main, unchanged, that through its entire extent, at home and abroad, the essential Christian verities, as received from our fathers and by which we have hitherto ministered successfully to the kingdom of God, are firmly held and positively proclaimed. We believe in one living and personal God, the Father Almighty, who in perfect wisdom, holiness, and love pervades, sustains, and rules the worlds which he has made. We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, in whom dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, who was in glory with the Father before all worlds, who became flesh and dwelt among us the brightness of the glory of God and the express image of his person, who died for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring man to God, who rose from the dead, who ascended on high, having received all power in heaven and earth for the completion, by grace and judgment, of the kingdom of God. We believe in the Holy Ghost, very and eternal God, the Lord and Giver of life, by whose operation on men dead in trespasses and sins they are quickened to repentance, faith, and loving obedience, are made aware of their sonship with God, and are empowered to rise into the full stature of men in Christ Jesus. We believe in the impartial love of God to the whole human family, so that none are excluded from the benefits thereof except as they exclude themselves by willful unbelief and sin. We believe that faith in Christ, the self-surrender of the soul to his government and grace, is the one condition upon which man is reconciled to God, is born again, becomes partaker of the divine nature, and attains sanctification through the Spirit. We accept the moral law confirmed and perfected by the divine Teacher, and set forth authoritatively in the Holy Scripture; and we believe in eternal consequences of good and evil, inherent in the constitution of the human soul, and de-

clared with utmost solemnity by him, the final Judge of human life. These central truths of the Christian system we think were never more positively held and declared among us than they now are. They were so clearly apprehended and stated by our founders that the progress of theological study has not forced us to hold them either by excision from, or by additions to, our former creed. They are part of our inalienable inheritance. By this sign we conquer.

Beyond the limits of these central and constitutive verities of the Christian faith, Methodism has never insisted on uniformity of thought or statement. It has allowed freedom of reverent inquiry. It adopts Mr. Wesley's words: "As to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think." In its Christocentric theology and in its spirit of aggressive evangelism it has found sufficient safeguards against individual eccentricities of thought. On the one hand, the reverent spirit of the Methodist theology has nothing in common with the destructive spirit of much recent criticism. To overthrow, and not to conserve, the faith once delivered to the saints seems to be the tendency, if not the aim, of such criticism. But on the other hand, serious, conservative, patient, and practical study of the many undetermined questions of theology, questions which chiefly concern, not the facts, but the methods of divine revelation and government—this study the Church allows and approves. It believes in scholarship honestly directed to learn more than has hitherto been known of the divine word and the divine works. It believes that more light is yet to break forth from both. It contemns sciolism, self-sufficiency, love of novelty, the iconoclastic spirit in biblical studies; it welcomes truth, even new truths, if duly tested, confirmed, and found serviceable to the life of the soul.

Spiritual Life. In the nature of the case, it is much more difficult to measure the spiritual life of the Church than to declare its numbers, its benevolent work, or its doctrinal position. Life always eludes our scalpels, crucibles, and scales. The manifestations of it are various, often obscure, often complicated by environment. And the particular field before us is exceeding wide; many factors in it are strangely perplexing. That many changes have occurred in the outward forms of Methodism is

obvious. Which do they indicate, growth or decay? The class meeting, for instance, is considerably disused: have fellowship and spiritual helpfulness among believers abated, or do they find, in part, other expressions and other instruments? The rigid and minute Church discipline of former years is relaxed: is this a sign of pastoral unfaithfulness, or is it a sign of growing respect for individual liberty and of a better conception of the function of the Church? The plainness of the early Methodist congregations has disappeared: is this simply vanity and worldliness, or is it, in part, the natural and justifiable development of the æsthetic faculty under more prosperous external conditions? The strenuous contention for this or that particular doctrine or usage of Methodism, once common, is now rarely heard: is this indifferentism, or is it, in part, a better discernment of that which is vital to the Christian faith, and, in part, the result of an acceptance by others of the once disputed opinion?

Whoever in the presence of such conditions hastens to pronounce judgment on the general question of growth or decay is evidently unequal to the task. He does not apprehend the number or the subtlety of the factors which enter into the problem, nor the varying form which the Christian life may assume under varying conditions, nor the transitional character of our age, nor even the personal equation which so largely affects individual judgments. There are reasons for both fear and hope, for both congratulation and solemn admonition. But we believe that in the clearer acceptance of Christianity as spirit and not letter, in the growing sense of individual right and responsibility, in the increase of the altruistic feeling, and in the multitude of sincere and earnest souls found in our ministry and in our laity there is evidence that the Church is advancing toward the end of its high calling.

But a hesitating judgment like this does not content us. Far from it. Can we be content with slow and halting growth in the Church which has for its founder the omnipotent Christ, whose fountain of energy is the indwelling Spirit of God, whose law is universal love, whose victories are life from the dead? God forbid! How can we be content when in Christian lands tremendous forces of evil still defy our Lord and destroy unnumbered souls for whom he died; when ancient barriers are burned away and vast heathen empires are open to

the all-transforming Gospel; when, indeed, all lands wait for the law of our God? How can we be content while there sounds in our ears that word which fixes duty and assures victory: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world;" while Pentecost shines on us from afar, the ever-luminous instance of what God intends his people to receive, to become, and to achieve; while great and precious promises call us to perfect personal holiness, and to triumphs like those of the great apostle? Brethren, the past has been glorious; the future must be still more glorious. Now, as of old, God speaks to his Church: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Auxiliary Agencies.

As the Quadrennial Manual contains full official reports of the organizations which aid the work of the Church it is not necessary for us to speak of them in detail. Some items may be mentioned.

1. The continued prosperity of our *Publishing Houses,* their contribution during the quadrennium of $385,000 to Conference Claimants, and the abundance, variety, and quality of their issues are matters for congratulation. But we are profoundly convinced that a largely increased circulation of our periodical literature is necessary and indispensable to the existence of an intelligent, loyal, and aggressive Methodism; and that to secure this end both the gains of the Book Concern and the efforts of our ministry ought to be diligently directed.

2. The increased collections for our *Missionary Societies* and the success of our Foreign Missions call for thankfulness. Especially we appreciate the devotion, liberality, and wisdom by which the Woman's Societies, Foreign and Home, have steadily and rapidly advanced in every department of their work. Their usefulness passes our measurement; their record is on high. But our missionary contributions do not at all approach our resources or our obligations. An open world calls us. Millions of dollars and hundreds of workers ought to reinforce and extend our Missions. Already the work is of such magnitude that a division of the Missionary Society into two societies—a Foreign and a Home—or into two distinct Bureaus

in one Society, seems to us important, if not imperative. Perhaps the Home Missions could be united with the work of Church Extension. We commend this subject to your earnest consideration.

3. The *Sunday School Union* and the *Tract Society* still prepare an admirable and copious literature for their respective fields, and it is widely circulated. But their gifts to needy regions are painfully restricted by the small contributions which they receive from prosperous churches. This condition has existed for many years, and ought at once to end.

4. The *Board of Church Extension*, having in former quadrenniums, under urgent calls, exceeded in its gifts and loans a wise limit, has during part of the last four years carefully narrowed its appropriations so as to regain secure grounds. Recently, by increased receipts, we are glad to say, it has been able to resume, in part, its former most beneficent liberality. Dr. A. J. Kynett having died in February, 1899, in the next May Rev. J. M. King, D.D., of the New York Conference, was duly elected a Corresponding Secretary by the Bishops.

5. The *Board of Education* in May, 1899, elected as its Corresponding Secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. C. H. Payne, the Rev. W. F. McDowell, D.D., of the Colorado Conference. It is gratifying to know that during the entire quadrennium there has been an annual gain both in Children's Day gifts and in returned loans, the latter reaching in 1899, $18,000; and that the concurrent action of the University Senate and Board has materially advanced the standard of education in our colleges and universities. Every school which bears either of these names should be worthy of it.

In this connection we report that the American University, which was commended to the liberality of the Church by the General Conference of 1892, has during the past quadrennium plotted and improved its admirable grounds, has erected a noble Hall of History, has projected and, in part, provided for other buildings, and has secured endowment funds to a considerable amount. The beginning of class instruction awaits, under the order of the General Conference, yet larger gifts from the friends of the great project.

We also report that the Woman's College of Baltimore, the only institution of this kind among us, has had four years of

marked and increasing prosperity. Its buildings, appliances, and work commend it to the confidence of the Church and the public.

6. The work of the *Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society* has been prosecuted faithfully, but with a deplorable inadequacy of means for its great task. The last year, however, witnessed a gain of nearly $4,000 in the Conference collections, and the managers have been able to diminish its debts by $25,000, and to fund the balance, $150,000, at four per cent upon the security of its large properties. We believe that the American Christian and patriot has no more imperative public duty than to sustain such work as occupies this society; and we trust that it may soon be able to conduct its schools more liberally and more effectively.

7. The *Deaconess Work,* authorized in 1888, has steadily extended through the Church, and is doubtless destined to be of great importance. The legislation of the Church on this subject has thus far been very simple. But the present and prospective magnitude of the work now calls for the most serious consideration of the questions of support, supervision, quality and training of the deaconess, and her relation to the Deaconess Home and to the Churches which she serves. And the necessity of such consideration is emphasized by the divergent views and practices which obtain among the friends of the movement. We commend the subject to your godly action.

8. The report of the *Epworth League* shows a quadrennium of notable activity and usefulness. A great capacity for good is in this organization. The past has proven this. But it should in no case be diverted from the local aims for which it was constituted. And the great problem which lies before this and all other auxiliaries of the Church (as Sunday schools, Men's Brotherhoods, and King's Daughters) is to make them helpers of the Church life, not substitutes for it, nor directors of the affairs of the Church. We do not affirm the existence of a marked tendency in any of these organizations toward an opposite result, but deem this word of caution not inopportune, and also of wide application.

9. The *City Evangelization Union* is a token of our appreciation, too faint, indeed, of the tremendous "problem of the city." The American city is a conglomerate of all races, nations,

tongues, faiths, customs, and political ideas; and by this fact, and that of an easily attainable citizenship, it is the menace of the American State and Church. To penetrate this alien mass by an evangelical religion is as difficult as it is imperative. The question of the city has become the question of the race. How to reach the heart of the city and to change its life is, indeed, the question of questions. Many ponder it; many are giving their lives to it. Our city churches and Christians should be thoroughly organized and ably led to the transcendent enterprise. And the general legislation of the Church should be determined largely by the necessities and perils of great cities.

10. We conclude this review of Church organizations by commending to your continued and favorable regard the fundamental, catholic, and world-wide work of the *American Bible Society,* of which, until his death in February last, an honored layman of our Church, the Hon. E. L. Fancher, LL.D., was president, and of which one of our ministers, the Rev. W. I. Haven, D.D., is now a Corresponding Secretary, in succession to Janes, Levings, Holdich, and Hunt.

Propositions for Constitutional Change.

During the quadrennium the Bishops have submitted to the Annual Conferences the two propositions sent down by the last General Conference for changes in the chapter of the Discipline which relates to the General Conference, and also three other propositions, originating with Annual Conferences, for other changes in the same chapter. The full text of the several propositions and the detailed vote thereon are given in tables prepared by the painstaking Secretary of the last General Conference, D. S. Monroe, D.D., and published in the Quadrennial Hand Book.

Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation.

It appears that one of these propositions, namely, that from the Rock River Conference, in favor of equal ministerial and lay representation, has received not only the requisite three-fourths vote of all members of the Annual Conferences present and voting, but such an excess above this vote as indicates a remarkable approach to unanimity throughout the Church. We desire to place on record our hearty concurrence with this ac-

tion. Equality in ministerial and lay representation, now made possible by the concession of the ministry, is the natural, just, and generous consummation of tendencies inseparable from the growth of our Church. Even in the time when, by the circumstances of its origin, the government of the Church was administered by its ministers only, even then, with its great founder, the Church protested against hierarchical principles, and welcomed all the Lord's people within its membership to be prophets of the New Testament. This hour, therefore, fulfills prophecies latent in our earliest Church life. As new opportunities and responsibilities thus come to our laity, we devoutly trust that it may be the occasion, with them, of a new and supreme consecration to our common Lord, of a large and patient study of our unique and, because unique, strong ecclesiastical law and life, and of a conservative progressiveness equally removed from reckless haste and timid immobility.

Revision of Organic Law.

In this connection the Bishops commend to the favorable attention of the General Conference the report of the Commission on the Organic Law of the Church. It is not probable that any member of this body or any one of the Bishops will hold that every provision of the new constitution is the best practicable. Your wisdom may possibly amend the report in this or that particular. But we are united in the opinion that it is a lucid arrangement of our fundamental law; that it makes explicit statement of items of that law heretofore somewhat inferential and, therefore, of somewhat doubtful interpretation; that it makes due provision for new conditions of Church life which have already arrived; and that, while it admits greater ease of constitutional change than has heretofore existed, it makes plain for ourselves and our successors the distinction which must be recognized in all well-ordered organizations between organic law and statutory enactments. Meantime we suggest the expediency of adopting, as a Rule of Order for this session, one of its provisions, namely, that changes in the Discipline be made only by the concurrent vote of a majority of both orders.

The Itinerancy.

The Time Limit. Twelve years of observation of the effect of the change of the limit of pastoral service from three to

five years have made plain to us the following facts: (1) That the average duration of the pastoral term has been but slightly, if at all, increased by the change; (2) that only a small proportion of our pastors remain in the same charge for five years; (3) that the extension of the limit has manifestly caused with many pastors and churches a restless desire for changes at the end of one or two years in appointments which might easily have continued for three years, if that length of time had been the limit; (4) that of the pastors which continue for five years, some would not have continued so long but for the limit, while others of them might profitably have continued for a longer period.

We are therefore of the opinion that if the General Conference shall not approve a return to the three-years limit of annual appointments with well-defined and carefully guarded provisions for necessary exceptions to this limit, then an entire removal of the time limit of annual appointments would be of advantage to the work.

In this connection we note the fact that, whatever may be the cause, our ministry, originally more mobile, and therefore more easily distributed according to the necessities of the work than any other, is rapidly losing this valuable quality, and even becoming less readily moved beyond narrow limits than the ministry of other Churches. That changes between Conferences and various sections of the country are necessary both for the work and the men is obvious to us; but we find increasing difficulty in bringing about such adjustments.

The Case of Superannuated Ministers. We should not be true to our sense of justice, nor to the promptings of our hearts, should we fail to ask your most generous consideration of the claims of those noble men whom in years past—and some of them for many years—we have met in the councils of the Church and on the field of its activities, but who now are debarred by age and infirmity both from participation in her service and from the support she cheerfully provides for her effective ministers. As no nation that fails to care for its disabled soldiers can survive, so no Church can long command both men for its ministry and general respect that forgets its obligations to the faithful servants who, after giving to it the best of their years, are discharged from active duty, having

become by the very fidelity of their service helpless and unfitted for self-support.

We turn to certain more general topics connected with our Church life.

Christian Unity.

The Methodist Church has always held the simple and broad doctrine that all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour constitute the one body of which he is the head. Their several Churches, however diverse in doctrine, organization, and rite, are the several parts of the world-wide and indestructible society which is his visible witness on earth. The life which is in him, the True Vine, flows into innumerable branches, and gives to all bud and blossom and gracious fruit..

Nevertheless the divided and discordant state of Christendom awakens with us, as with other Christians, great solicitude. It indicates, as we believe, serious defects in Christian knowledge and character, and it interposes great obstacles to the progress of Christianity. At the base of these divisions doubtless lie the inevitable limitations of the human intellect. Men cannot think alike. There are honest differences of opinion. But there is also alienation where love ought to abound. There are wrong judgments one of another. There is a great waste of men and money in the struggle to support unnecessary Churches. There is dishonor to the Prince of Peace through rival camps of his professed followers.

The cure of these divisions is not easily found. Long lamented, they abate but slowly. Some improvement is visible. But any large external unification of Christendom seems distant. Nor, however much we may desire it, can we hasten its coming by consenting to unauthorized principles or methods.

1. No external and organic union can be wisely purchased by the surrender, or the obscuration through ambiguous phrase, of any essential truth of the Holy Scriptures. He who is the truth will build his Church only on the rock of Christian verity.

2. We are always to bear in mind that the oneness which our Lord sought in the great intercession was not an outward organic unity, under one government so authoritative that all who do not obey it are to be accounted schismatics. And no subsequent record in the New Testament yields evidence that such an

outward governmental unity either existed in apostolic times or was intended thereafter to exist.

3. Such a governmental unity, were it attainable, would not be altogether an advantage. Both order and liberty are indispensable in the Church. A too eager insistence upon the former would imperil the benefits accruing from the latter, namely, the unfettered search for truth, the authority of the individual conscience, and even the zeal quickened by Christian emulation.

4. Least of all is it possible to reach an organic union of Christians by assuming as a basis therefor the non-Church status of all Christian bodies which ignore or reject the figment of "apostolic succession." If the phrase "historic episcopate," recently so often repeated, is intended only to designate a form of Church government which has had wide extension through many centuries, it is unobjectionable. Scholars would then be at liberty to study the rise of this episcopacy, its variations, its virtues and defects, and the degree of its adaptation to changing conditions in the advancing kingdom of God. But if those who mostly use the phrase intend by it to cover a claim to an exclusive Church status for Churches which allege the unbroken descent of their Bishops from the consecrating hands of the apostles, then are we solemnly bound to deny and reject such claim and to disuse the misinterpreted phrase. And this by manifold considerations: by the silence of the New Testament as to any such identifying mark of a Christian Church; by the genius itself of Christianity, which evermore subordinates letter and form to spirit, and endless genealogies to charity; by the testimony of early ecclesiastical history as to the actual constitution of the primitive Churches; by the dangers which inhere in a concession of exclusive sacramental power to the clergy, which dangers have their logical culmination in the enormous pretensions of the Papacy and its arrogance toward all Protestant communions, even toward those which affect claims like its own; and by the failure of the Churches which dignify themselves by these claims to transcend, not to say equal, other Churches in their contributions to the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

What furtherance then can we now give to Christian unity? Little, perhaps, in a formal and ecclesiastical way. The times are not ripe for any general movement. We must, as should

other Churches, still hold the truth as God gives us to see it. We must still do our own work faithfully, by our own agents and methods, in whatever fields call us. But doing this, we should even more than heretofore "give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." We must unhesitatingly grant to other Churches the ample tolerance we claim for ourselves. We must honor them as Branches of the True Vine, as Temples of the Holy Ghost. We must seek opportunities for the expression of Christian fraternity and for cooperation; and we must study, with earnest and unselfish desire to solve, the difficult problem of many Churches in scanty fields.

Thus bearing ourselves, we will watchfully await opportunities for more definite contributions to the larger unity for which so many devout souls yearn.

In this connection we direct your attention to the report of the Commission on Methodist Federation as given in the Quadrennial Hand Book. The subject will doubtless receive from you the attention which the great interests involved require. This, the greatest branch of world-wide Methodism, cannot afford to yield the leadership to any sister Methodist Church in the effort to lessen the evils resulting from our divisions. By a lofty Christian statesmanship, Churches similar in doctrine and in polity and occupying the same fields ought to order their relations to each other and their respective activities in the interests of peace and unity. Historic differences, traditional distrusts and antipathies, and narrow self-interest should be brushed aside in the determined effort to rightly coordinate the Methodisms of America. Our Lord calls us, we doubt not, to this consummation, and in his name we can achieve it.

The Church and Social Problems.

The facts indicative of a new social and economic life in civilized lands need not be here repeated. They are obvious, and they disquiet all thoughtful and Christian men. Even if one shall think that the great economic movement of these times has in it something of the nature of an irresistible law, and that it may also have in it the possibility and promise of some ultimate general good now only dimly guessed, he must nevertheless be deeply solicitous that it proceed to its appointed end without injustice, without violence, and without avoidable suffering.

What is the relation of the Church to these questions of the hour?

It is obvious, in the first place, that the solution of particular economic problems is not within its province. The Church has no authoritative message concerning trusts or labor unions, lockouts or strikes, capital or wages, tariffs and taxation, currency and colonies. It is neither appointed nor fitted to dictate social or economic laws. Must then its assemblies, its pulpits, and its press abstain from discussion of such questions of applied Christianity? Must it be silent on issues which burn within the hearts of men? By no means. Its Gospel is for the redemption of all life. But its discussions must bear a peculiar, a Christian, form. They must proceed under the profound conviction that character, and not outward condition, is the supreme sphere of the Church; that incomparably the largest contributions which the Church can make toward a social millennium are Christian men, and not social theories. They must distinctly recognize the fact that neither the Church nor any of its ministers has a "Thus saith the Lord," or any other divine sanction for particular measures designed to amend class relations. And they must use caution, justified by many lamentable instances, lest a cheap and *ex cathedra* treatment of exceedingly complex economic problems forfeit respect and influence among the thoughtful and good. In these matters the dogmatist and the charlatan are too often one and the same.

It is further obvious that the Church must avoid partisanship toward classes. Its message is for all alike. Selfishness is the universal sin. No class monopolizes it. Here the rich and the poor meet together. And this sin is the woe and imminent peril of both. The Church, therefore, will love and aid all; will be bitter and denunciatory toward none; will, if possible, alienate none; will declare the virtues, the temptations, the sins, and the duties peculiar to each; and will strenuously labor to bring all into one great fellowship of service. For all of every class it has one unchanging and adequate message. By this message it will save the individual, and thereby save society. It proclaims one common and impartial *Lord, Redeemer,* and *Judge,* one supreme relation among men which is *Brotherhood,* one transcendent good which is *Character,* one all-inclusive duty which is *Love.*

Has the Church delivered, does it now deliver, this message,

impartially, without fear, without favor, in due proportions, with faithful and wise application to existing conditions, and with the emphasis of profound conviction? Do its methods and its bearing toward all men conform to and illustrate the message?

It is to be borne in mind that the poor abound; that, therefore, in lowly conditions for the most part the aim of the Gospel is to be wrought out; and that the salvation of the common people is, therefore, preeminently the salvation of the race. It is also to be borne in mind that the liability of the Church to neglect the poor is constant, and increases with its outward prosperity. The splendor of its temples, the attire and bearing of its rich, may repel the poor from common worship. The culture and refinement of the pastor may, unconsciously to himself and even against his will, separate him from the common people, and the noble companionship of his books may make intercourse with plain men a drudgery. The money of the rich seems to many necessary to build the imposing church, to sustain its benevolences, and to afford the liberal support naturally so gratifying to the pastor and his family. It is often alleged that there is a wide alienation of the working classes from the Church, that churches tend to become rich men's clubs, that many ministers lack brave faithfulness toward the wealthy and tender sympathy toward the poor; and that thus the gospel of the Nazarene often fails of effect among the classes with whom his lowly life was identified.

There is enough of truth in these allegations to set us upon serious inquiry. Our Lord chose to become incarnate among the poor. He made it a proof of his divine mission that to the poor the Gospel was preached. And Methodism began its work in like manner. With it, as with the Gospel at the beginning, not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble were called. It saved the miner, the mechanic, the fisherman, the farm laborer, and some also in better conditions; and thus it saved society. Is it now doing this work? Is it willing to do it? Will an educated ministry consent to keep in heart-touch with men ignorant, or only half-trained? Will it be content to live plainly, that it may reach plain people, and be supported by them? Will our rich men forbear social extravagance and social distinctions in the Church, that the Gospel may better do its office for all men? How may our churches be builded and

managed that in them at the same time the brother of low degree may rejoice in that he is exalted, and the rich in that he is made low?

No questions more perplexing, more solemn, more urgent than these confront us to-day. It is an age of great wealth; an age also of keen-sighted, organized, and self-asserting labor; an age, therefore, of conflicts ominous of unmeasured evil. The future of the Church and of humanity is at stake. Shall we renew the original work of Methodism and thus renew its triumphs? Have we the love and the wisdom adequate to the hour?

The Church and Public Morals.

Of the evils which our General Rules forbid, one, slave-holding and slave-trading, has ceased from Christian lands. A humanity born of the Gospel has completely extirpated it. This is a waymark of Christian progress. Can other forbidden evils be overcome by the same power? Not instantaneously certainly, and not at any given moment so conclusively. For slavery, the creature of law, was ended by law, and could not thereafter revive by an individual lapse from righteousness, but only by new laws reinstating it.

Intemperance and the Liquor Traffic. Yet in extent and direful consequences intemperance, the moderate drinking from which it proceeds, and the saloon which ministers to and aggravates it constitute an evil vastly greater than slavery. It is the servant of all evils. Language strives in vain to depict the poverty and squalor, the disease and incapacity, the domestic wretchedness, the vice and crime, the degradation of manhood and womanhood passing by entail to children, the political corruption, and the widespread depravation of morals resulting from the drinking usages of society and from the liquor saloon. No class is exempt from the appalling ruin. Its victims are in the homes of wealth, intelligence, and social leadership. It is the chief and unapproached factor in the misery of the poor. Its cost and peril to the State are incalculable. It is a more deadly foe to the soldier than bullet or tropic heat. And it is strongly intrenched in appetite and avarice, in fashion and law.

Our Church has warred, and continues to war, upon the whole system from its beginning to its horrible consummation. In express language it condemns "all alcoholic beverages as being

neither useful nor safe." It declares that "the business of manufacturing and of vending such liquors is against the principles of morality, political economy, and the public welfare." It makes actionable in the Church courts the "signing petitions in favor of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, becoming bondsman for persons engaged in such traffic, and renting property as a place in or on which to manufacture or sell intoxicating liquors." It regards "voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government." It earnestly advises "our people to cooperate in all measures which may seem to them wisely adapted to save society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance."

The Church will not abandon this position. On the contrary, aroused and indignant at the aggressions of the liquor power, at the inexcusable miscarriage of the anti-canteen law, and at the new perils in which the nation is involving its new possessions, it will summon and pledge all our ministers and people to a more determined struggle against this enormous evil, and urge each to contribute thereto, according to his judgment, his testimony, his example, and his ballot.

Marriage and Divorce. The American Church confronts another great evil. It is the relation of law and public sentiment to the sanctity and permanence of marriage. It is ominous of unspeakable evil that in America the marriage tie can be, and so often is, easily broken; that in many States the laws multiply trivial causes for divorce, and facilitate the processes of divorce; and that persons who have grossly and notoriously dishonored the divine law of marriage by the use of these easy methods often find acceptance in respectable social circles. The statistics of divorce and of divorce legislation indicate that the glory of the true and pure family is suffering painful eclipse.

In the presence of this evil the Church cannot allow its rules on the subject of divorce and remarriage to be in any case inoperative and void. Let, if need be, the Church law be amended to more perfectly express the New Testament rule of marriage. But by the voice of its public assemblies, by its pulpits, and by the judicious exercise of discipline the Church should keep it-

self pure, and aid the civil law and the practices of society to become pure.

Amusements. Closely associated with these evils is the popular passion for unwholesome, coarse, and debauching amusements. Whoever watches the daily press cannot miss the evidence of shameful degradation in the theater, the concert and dance hall, and on the race course. And the tendency to great excess also in other forms of amusement cannot escape attention. The seriousness of life seems largely forgotten, its opportunities of usefulness unoccupied, the vigilance necessary for righteousness relaxed, and the love of the passing world gaining in masterfulness.

It is not to be wondered at that every earnest age has tended to reprobate all amusements, as incompatible with the Christian life. The pendulum has often swung toward that extreme of the arc. Here Puritanism and the early Wesleyanism agreed. To their serious spirit all pleasure-taking seemed closely allied to sin. It was easier to forbid than to regulate it. Yet the harder task is undoubtedly before the Church to-day. Experience has shown that it is impossible to impose on youthful and immature Christians a law which many a saintly soul, of thoughtful choice, imposes on itself. The attempt to enforce absolute abstention from recreative amusements reacts toward unrestrained indulgence. A discrimination between the admissible and the inadmissible is, therefore, imperative. It was an instance of Mr. Wesley's great sagacity, that while his personal life allowed no room, and his spirit and tone no desire for diversions, the law which he entered among the General Rules of his societies simply declared a general principle by which Methodists were to be governed. They were forbidden "The taking of such diversions as cannot be taken in the name of the Lord Jesus."

In this time of excessive and questionable amusements, this principle should be often reiterated and strongly emphasized. The peril to the spiritual life of our people is imminent and incalculable. Lovers of pleasure are not likely to be lovers of God. The warrior must not entangle himself with the affairs of this life. Without simplicity, moderation, and purity in his pleasures the Christian cannot resist the forces that create an age of triflers and sensualists. So great is this danger that we suggest

that it would be profitable to place among the special advices of the Discipline a brief but cogent statement of the perils which attach to many amusements, of the evils inseparable from others, and of the principles by which the Christian should regulate his choice among and his use of them. The deep interest of the Church in this question will appear to you in various memorials from churches and individuals which we are sure will receive your godly consideration.

Sabbath Desecration. Obviously there is within the Church, as well as in the world without, a serious and rapidly increasing laxity of Sabbath observance. Unnecessary travel, unnecessary work, the Sunday newspaper, social visiting, excursions, and amusements encroach more and more on time which God has consecrated to sacred uses. Hence many among us are weak, and many are dying. The decay of religion is inevitable if the Church does not abide in the right use of the holy day. Let us be fully persuaded that a holy Sabbath eminently ministers to holy character, and that without Sabbath sanctity our people will suffer moral loss, our sanctuaries will be deserted, and our ministries will be ineffective. And the interests of the laborer, whether by hand or brain, equally demand the Sabbath rest.

The Church and Citizenship.

Of the State the Church asks nothing more than all other lawful organizations of citizens claim; namely, the protection of its properties, and such freedom of word and deed as comports with the rights of others. It seeks no union with the State, no aid from its treasury, no civil penalties for unbelief or irreligion, no religious qualification for citizenship or for office. It accepts exemption of its sanctuaries from taxation, because like schools, libraries, and hospitals they serve public uses, and not private gain. It approves wise Sabbath laws; not that the State should enforce the Fourth Commandment, but that the vast majority of the citizens may have the rest and quiet which they desire.

The Church is a kingdom within itself, having its own Lord, laws, and forces. It welcomes, as do other organizations, the safeguards of civil law; but it can live and triumph without them. It has done so in the past.

But by its operation on individuals it has effectively molded the body politic and all secular life. Our modern civilization,

including our higher ideals of government, is largely its product. The subject has become the citizen-king. The Church thereby is called to new teachings. Paul enjoined obedience to magistrates; they were ordained of God. That teaching must continue. But with it must go another, for which there was little use in the time of Nero. The new teaching concerns the duty of all who share, as do the citizens of a free State, the magistracy itself. The saints possess the kingdom. The Church must, therefore, declare the greatness and solemnity of the trust to which its children have come. It must insist that they hold their political franchise as a chief part of their stewardship from Christ. Upon particular secular questions the Church, as such, delivers no judgment. Even as to the particular legal methods by which moral evils within the State shall be repressed, the Church is not an authoritative teacher. It may consider; it may advise; it cannot command even its own children. They are freemen in Christ Jesus; they call no man master. But the Christian man cannot neglect or trifle with his political function; cannot separate it from his religion; must, as a member of the body politic, be as truthful, as honest, as pure of aim as he is in his membership of the Church; must in the convention, on the hustings, and at the polling booth be as truly and earnestly a Christian as when he worships in the sanctuary. And this the Church must teach with an emphasis proportioned to the vast influence of civil government and to the interests now at stake. This is no time for feeble and hesitating utterance. Now if ever the Christian man should be the Christian citizen. On the one hand, recent events have thrust on the American people new problems which only the highest and purest statesmanship can solve. On the other hand colossal evils, not of recent date, menace our civilization. Some have been already named. Add to them the corruption and venality charged upon much of our political life, the political ownership of cities and States by one man or a few men whose will is law, the unrestrained immigration of the ignorant and vicious, the increasing use of mob-law and lynchings for the regular processes of delaying and often distrusted courts, the sharp hostility of classes readily passing into violence and murder, the suppression of the civil rights of the negro, the presence among us in great force of a foreign hierarchy which, whatever disguise it may assume or however

liberal many of its adherents may be, is by its fundamental principles the unchanging foe of civil and religious liberty, and the military spirit, vigorous and valuable, yet liable to incite to inexcusable wars; these are among the perils that confront our Christianity as well as our civilization.

A strenuous and militant political righteousness, inspired and directed by Christian ideas, is the only remedy for such evils. To this conflict the Church must sound the call. And it must insist that a wise, persistent, and heroic earthly citizenship has now become a supreme test of noble character.

The Triumphing Church.

However disquieting some present aspects of morals and religion may be, we nevertheless close this address in joyful confidence. The Church is not fighting a losing battle. The Christian area enlarges; the Christian populations gain on the non-Christian; the Church itself was never more sound in faith, more pure in life, more influential within Christendom, more aggressive and hopeful without.

It is now one hundred and sixty years since John Wesley organized eight or ten serious persons into a religious society, the rudiment of all the Methodist Churches. The deplorable condition of English faith and manners in that day has become the commonplace of historians and reviewers. Eminent contemporaries of Mr. Wesley, Anglican Bishops like Burnet and Butler, dissenters like Watts and Leland, heads of houses at Oxford and Cambridge, statesmen and publicists like Addison and Montesquieu, attest the unbelief and shameless profligacy prevalent in the upper classes of English society, and the ignorance, brutality, and vice common in the lower. The established and dissenting Churches were sunk in a deathlike lethargy. "Never," says the historian Green, "had religion seemed at so low an ebb. . . . In Walpole's day the English clergy was the idlest and most lifeless in the world." So slowly did Christianity recover itself from the awful conditions which preceded the Reformation. Then if ever might Christianity have despaired.

But man's necessity was God's opportunity. On the darkness and the death, light and life arose. It is not easy to recite the change which has passed on the English Churches and on English society since Mr. Wesley's day. It appears in a godly and

faithful ministry, in thronged sanctuaries and Sabbath sanctity, in a general reformation of manners from the palace to the peasant's cot, in the abolition of colonial slavery, in laws studiously more just, more humane, more recognitive of all human brotherhood, even that of dependent races, in improved education and a purer literature, in abounding charities, and in the spirit and achievements of modern missions. The England of to-day, however faulty, is not the England which shut from its churches, haled before magistrates, and brutally mobbed the apostles of the new reformation.

But the view widens. In continental Europe we note the overthrow of the Inquisition and of the temporal power, the growth of religious liberty under constitutional guarantees, conceptions of society and government slowly approaching the Christian ideal, the scurrility of the early atheism abated, the slow emergence of a simple and spiritual Christianity, the steady retreat of the Moslem from his European possessions, and the development of a great world-power, Christian, though imperfectly such, to dominate all Northern and Central Asia from its capital on the Baltic.

In the New World we note that the separation of Latin-American colonies from their parent states, which began with the conquest of Canada in Wesley's day and was recently completed in the Spanish-American war, has opened the continent and its islands to the evangelical Church; that the thirteen English colonies which numbered during Wesley's ministration in Georgia less than two million souls, now, as the great Republic, have filled vast spaces between the seas with a population free, intelligent, and vital in every part; and that the widespread and ominous infidelity of the early years of the Republic has been replaced by a trained and virile faith. In South Pacific waters an island-continent has emerged and been occupied by men of Anglo-Saxon race and Protestant faith, destined largely to affect oriental life. We note, further, that Christian populations have now come to be one third of the race, and that over three fifths of the race Christian governments now rule. Into the pagan lands thus opened, and into those still self-controlled, the Church of Christ has entered in the spirit of its Lord. It offers his holy word to nine tenths of the human family in their own languages. It proclaims everywhere the truth and grace with

which in the early centuries it revolutionized the corrupt Roman world. Now, as then, conversions follow; living churches arise; a native ministry is organized. The school and the Christian press lend their aid, and the sky reddens to the dawn. In the Church itself appear a simpler and truer creed, a larger faith in the purpose and outcome of the Gospel, higher conceptions of the spiritual life, and a nobler, self-sacrificing charity. Nor need the searching inquiry now directed toward every article of the Christian faith awaken apprehension. It will separate between the divine gift and the human accretion, between the unchangeable facts of revelation and the imperfect explanation of the facts, between the essential verity and the incidental form. The foundation standeth sure. The temple of a redeemed humanity rises. Standing on this dividing line of the centuries, we look backward with regret and thankfulness—regret for our scanty contribution to the higher life of humanity; thankfulness, profound thankfulness, for the providences and the grace which have issued in the marvelous Christian achievements of the last hundred and sixty years. And we face the future with joyful assurance that our Divine and Adorable Captain will lead on a world-wide and complete triumph, and the whole earth be at length renewed in righteousness. Be it ours to share in the sublime enterprise; ours also to share the final victory.

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Chicago, Ill., May 2, 1900.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12:30 o'clock P. M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjournment at its discretion. A recess of ten minutes shall be taken at 10:30 o'clock.

2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing, and prayer, and on the appearance of a quorum shall have the Journal of the preceding session read and approved, and the business of the Conference shall proceed in the following order, namely:

(1) The roll of Conferences shall be called in alphabetical order for the presentation of appeals, resolutions, and miscellaneous business for immediate consideration. All memorials and all resolutions and miscellaneous papers not presented for immediate consideration shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary without announcement. The person introducing a proposition under this call may speak to it if it be seconded; after which a motion to refer if made shall be entertained and be decided without debate.

(2) Reports, first of the standing and then of the select committees; *provided,* always, that each call severally shall have been completed before either preceding one shall be repeated.

3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference, and in case of such appeal the question shall be taken without debate, except that the President may state the grounds of his decision, and the appellant may state the grounds of his appeal.

4. The President shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise especially ordered by the Conference.

5. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference the President shall distinctly announce the name of the member to whom it is assigned and the Annual Conference he represents.

6. Resolutions shall be written and presented in duplicate by the mover, and all the motions shall be reduced to writing if the President, Secretary, or any member requests it.

7. When a motion is made and seconded, or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented and read by the Secretary, or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference; but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover at any time before amendment or decision.

8. The motions to adjourn, to suspend the rules, to lay on the table, to take from the table, and the call for the previous question shall be taken without debate.

9. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following motions should intervene, which shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, namely:

(1) To fix the time to which the Conference shall adjourn.
(2) To adjourn.
(3) To take a recess.
(4) To lay on the table.
(5) For the previous question.
(6) To postpone to a given time.
(7) To refer.
(8) Substitute.
(9) Amendment.
(10) To postpone indefinitely.

The motion for the previous question cannot be laid on the table.

Only one amendment to an amendment shall be in order, but then it shall be in order to move a substitute for the main question and one amendment to the substitute, and if a substitute is accepted it shall replace the original proposition. In voting, the Conference shall pursue the following order, namely: The main question shall first be perfected by voting on the amendments proposed to the main question, and then the Conference shall vote upon the substitute and its amendment.

10. It shall be in order for any member to call for the yeas and nays on any question before the Conference, and if the call

be sustained by one hundred members present the vote thereon shall be taken by ayes and noes. If not sustained, members voting in the minority, if the number voting in said minority is less than one hundred, may have their votes recorded by name.

11. It shall be in order to move that the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending except in cases in which character is involved, and if sustained by a vote of two thirds the question shall be taken; nevertheless, it shall be in order under this rule to move to recommit, to divide, or to lay on the table after the previous question has been ordered.

12. The motion to adjourn shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except (1) when a member has the floor; (2) when a question is actually put, or a vote is being taken; (3) when the question is pending on sustaining the demand for the previous question; (4) when the previous question has been called and sustained, and action under it is still pending; and (5) when a motion to adjourn has been negatived, and no business or debate has intervened.

13. When any motion or resolution shall have been acted upon by the Conference it shall be in order for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move for a reconsideration; but a motion to reconsider a nondebatable motion shall be decided without debate.

14. No resolution altering or rescinding any part of the Discipline shall be adopted until it shall have been in possession of the Conference at least one day, and shall have been printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, except amendments to the report of a committee when under consideration for adoption.

15. When any member is about to speak in debate, or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him, and the member must address the chair from his place.

16. No member shall be interrupted when speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order, and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

17. When a member desires to speak to a question of priv-

ilege he shall briefly state the question; but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall have decided it a privileged question.

18. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken. *Provided*, however, that a committee making a report shall, through its chairman, or one of its members selected by the committee or its chairman, in all cases be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table, or, this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt. The committee shall not be deprived of its right to close the debate even after the previous question has been ordered.

19. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

20. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar at the time when such question shall be put by the President, except by leave of the Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.

21. Every member who is within the bar at the time a question is put shall vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuses him.

22. Members presenting memorials, petitions, and other papers for reference shall prepare the paper by writing in a plain hand on the back of it the following items, in the following order, namely:

(1) Name of the member presenting the paper.
(2) Conference to which he belongs.
(3) Conference, member, or church whence it comes.
(4) Subject to which it relates.
(5) First name on the petition.
(6) Number of other petitioners.
(7) The committee to which he desires it referred.

All resolutions and papers thus presented shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Conference, in triplicate, and by him sent to the committee according to indorsement, and announced in the Journal of the day.

23. When any member shall move the reference of any portion of the Journal of any Annual Conference to any committee he shall at the same time furnish a copy of the portion he wishes referred, prepared as already provided in the case of memorials.

24. All resolutions contemplating verbal alterations of the Discipline shall state the language of the paragraph and line to be altered, and also the language to be substituted.

25. All committees proposing changes of the Discipline shall not only recite the paragraph and line to be amended, but also the paragraph as amended.

26. Committees shall not originate business, but shall consider and report upon all subjects referred to them by the General Conference.

27. All committees shall furnish duplicates of their reports.

28. Where a subject-matter has been received by the Conference, and referred to a committee, and a report thereon has been made to the Conference, it shall not be in order for another committee to consider the same subject, or for the Conference to entertain a report from another committee on the said subject; but when any committee shall ascertain that a subject which has been referred to it has also been referred to another committee, it shall report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall direct which committee shall have permanent charge of said subject.

29. All written motions, reports, and communications to the Conference shall be passed to the Secretary, to be by him read to the Conference.

30. A call for a vote by orders shall be made and seconded by members of the same order.

31. When voting by orders the separation shall be merely in regard to the taking, announcing, deciding, and recording the vote of each order on the question on which the separate vote is demanded. Any incidental matter bearing upon such vote shall be decided by the Conference acting as one body. In taking a vote by orders it shall be by a count vote, first of the order calling for the separate vote and then of the other, but either order may call for the ayes and noes by one fourth of its members, and if the call is sustained, the names of the delegates, first

of the order calling and then of the other, shall be called, and each member shall answer aye or no.

32. All demonstrations of approval or disapproval during the progress of debate shall be deemed a breach of order.

33. No person shall stand in the open spaces in the room.

34. The ushers shall keep the aisles and spaces within the bar of the Conference clear for their proper use, and none but delegates shall be admitted within the inclosure constituting the bar of the Conference, except by ticket issued by the Chairman of the Commission of the General Conference.

35. These rules shall not be suspended except by a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting.

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Thomas Bowman,
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Stephen M. Merrill,
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Joseph C. Hartzell,
Edwin W. Parker,
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SECRETARY.

David S. Monroe.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 2.

MAY 2. FIRST DAY. *Morning.*

THE TWENTY-THIRD DELEGATED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH convened in the Auditorium Building, in the city of Chicago, Illinois, on the second day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred.

Opening of the General Conference.

Bishops present: THOMAS BOWMAN, STEPHEN M. MERRILL, EDWARD G. ANDREWS, HENRY W. WARREN, CYRUS D. FOSS, JOHN F. HURST, WILLIAM X. NINDE, JOHN M. WALDEN, WILLARD F. MALLALIEU, CHARLES H. FOWLER, JOHN H. VINCENT, JAMES N. FITZGERALD, ISAAC W. JOYCE, DANIEL A. GOODSELL, CHARLES C. MCCABE, and EARL CRANSTON.

Bishops present.

Missionary Bishops present: JAMES M. THOBURN, and JOSEPH C. HARTZELL.

Missionary Bishops present.

At 9 A. M., the Conference was called to order by Bishop Thomas Bowman.

Bishop Bowman presiding.

Devotional services were conducted as follows:

Devotional services.

1. Bishop H. W. Warren announced Hymn No. 1, beginning,

"O for a thousand tongues, to sing."

2. Recitation of the Apostles' Creed, led by Bishop J. M. Thoburn.

3. Prayer, Bishop C. D. Foss.

4. Responsive Reading, Psalm 46, Rev. H. H. Lowry, of the North China Conference.

5. The Gloria.

6. The Second Scripture Lesson, Acts 1. 1-18, Rev. Austin Griffin, Wyoming Conference.

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7. Hymn 763, announced by Rev. Harry Swann, West Texas Conference, beginning,

"O where are kings and empires now?"

8. Prayer, Rev. Hilary A. Gobin, Northwest Indiana Conference.

9. Hymn 276, announced by Rev. P. Gustav Junker, North Germany Conference, beginning,

"O Spirit of the living God."

Roll called.

Bishop Merrill took the chair, and requested the Secretary of the last General Conference, David S. Monroe, to call the roll of delegates, which he did, and the following answered to their names:

Members present.

Alabama.

Ministerial: George E. Ackerman.

Arkansas.

Ministerial: Andrew J. Taylor.
Lay: William C. Chynoweth.

Atlanta.

Ministerial: Madison C. B. Mason, George W. Arnold.
Lay: Luther J. Price.

Austin.

Ministerial: Ole E. Olander.

Baltimore.

Ministerial: John F. Goucher, Joel Brown, Frank M. Bristol, John Lanahan, William S. Edwards.
Lay: Joshua S. Rawlings, Lewis M. Bacon.

Black Hills.

Ministerial: Edgar E. Clough.
Lay: Eben W. Martin.

Blue Ridge.

Ministerial: Adolphus J. Johnson.
Lay: Nicholas S. Ridenour.

Bombay.

Ministerial: Thomas S. Johnson.

California.

Ministerial: John D. Hammond, Eli McClish, Freeman D. Bovard, Elbert R. Dille, Edward P. Dennett.
Lay: Rolla V. Watt.

California German.

Ministerial: George Guth.
Lay: Christian Neumiller.

Central Alabama.

Ministerial: Walter H. Nelson, Edward M. Jones.
Lay: William L. Riley, Daniel B. V. Walthall.

Central German.

Ministerial: Albert J. Nast, Carl Riemenschneider, Henry G. Lich.
Lay: Henry C. Dickhaut, Louis Hartman.

Central Illinois.

Ministerial: Hyre D. Clark, Jervis G. Evans, Reuben B. Williams, William R. Wiley, Thomas W. McVety.
Lay: Matthew Andrews.

Central Missouri.

Ministerial: Richard E. Gillum, Richard Davis.
Lay: Henry L. Billups.

Central New York.

Ministerial: Edmund M. Mills, Theron Cooper, Henry C. Moyer, Charles Eddy, Carlton C. Wilbor.
Lay: Bennett E. Titus.

Central Ohio.

Ministerial: Elias D. Whitlock, Wesley G. Waters, Christian R. Havighorst, Parker P. Pope, William W. Lance.

Central Pennsylvania.

Ministerial: William W. Evans, Benjamin C. Conner, David S. Monroe, Edward J. Gray, Horace L. Jacobs, Richard H. Gilbert.
Lay: Thomas H. Murray, Herbert T. Ames.

Central Swedish.

Ministerial: Albert Ericson.
Lay: Bengt J. Regnell.

Central Tennessee.

Ministerial: Joseph M. Carter.
Lay: Phylonzo D. Carr.

Chicago German.

Ministerial: Henry Lemcke, Jacob Berger.
Lay: Louis Appel, William F. Filter.

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FIRST DAY.
Morning.

Cincinnati.

Ministerial: Adna B. Leonard, James W. Bashford, George H. Dart, James P. Porter.

Lay: William R. Warnock, James N. Gamble.

Colorado.

Ministerial: Daniel L. Rader, William F. McDowell, Horace E. Warner.

Lay: Ira M. De Long.

Columbia River.

Ministerial: Matthew H. Marvin, Henry Brown.

Lay: George W. Libby, William Warner.

Dakota.

Ministerial: William H. Jordan.

Lay: Homer S. Mouser, Silas E. Morris.

Delaware.

Ministerial: James H. Scott, Henry A. Monroe, Joseph R. Waters.

Lay: Herbert S. Wilson.

Des Moines.

Ministerial: Edmund M. Holmes, William T. Smith, William Stevenson, Thomas McK. Stuart, Ephraim L. Eaton, James H Senseney.

Lay: Leslie M. Shaw, John Gibson.

Detroit.

Ministerial: Joseph F. Berry, John Sweet, William H. Shier, Edward W. Ryan, Arthur Edwards, Charles W. Baldwin, William Dawe, Wilbur F. Sheridan.

Lay: Royal S. Copeland, Byron S. Knapp.

East German.

Ministerial: Charles Reuss.

Lay: Egbert Winkler.

East Maine.

Ministerial: Walter W. Ogier, Elton H. Boynton.

Lay: Abram W. Harris.

East Ohio.

Ministerial: Amos N. Craft, Thomas W. Lane, L. Harvey Stewart, Henry S. Jackson, George B. Smith, Oliver W. Holmes.

Lay: Silas J. Williams, Frank A. Arter.

East Tennessee.

Ministerial: Judson S. Hill.

Lay: Charles J. Small.

Erie.

Ministerial: William P. Graham, William H. Crawford, Reuben C. Smith, Albert R. Rich, Charles O. Mead.

Lay: Austin Blakeslee.

Florida.

Ministerial: Peter Swearingen.

Foochow.

Ministerial: James H. Worley.

Lay: Tieng Ang Sia.

Genesee.

Ministerial: Philip S. Merrill, La Fayette Congdon, Ward D. Platt, Melville R. Webster, Thomas F. Parker, Henry C. Woods.

Lay: Joseph M. Duncan.

Georgia.

Ministerial: Robert H. Robb.

Lay: William J. Auten.

Holston.

Ministerial: Richard J. Cooke, James A. Ruble.

Lay: John A. Patten, Charles P. Cass.

Illinois.

Ministerial: Howard M. Hamill, Henry C. Gibbs, William H. Wilder, Horace Reed, Charles B. Taylor, John A. Kumler, Stephen H. Whitlock.

Lay: Richard Yates.

Indiana.

Ministerial: Henry J. Talbott, Charles C. Edwards, Charles E. Bacon, Charles W. Lewis, Tilghman H. Willis, Edward B. Rawls.

Lay: Benjamin F. Adams, Frank M. Barbour.

Iowa.

Ministerial: James C. W. Coxe, David C. Smith, Charles L. Stafford, William G. Wilson.

Lay: Christopher Haw, Dillon H. Payne.

Italy.

Ministerial: William Burt.

Japan.

Ministerial: Julius Soper.

Lay: Masayoshi Takaki.

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Kansas.

Ministerial: James W. Alderman, John R. Madison, Lemuel H. Murlin, William H. Zimmerman.

Lay: Ezekiel L. Barnes, John P. Slaughter.

Kentucky.

Ministerial: Charles J. Howes, George R. Frenger.

Lay: Robert T. Miller, William T. Atkinson.

Lexington.

Ministerial: Edward L. Gilliam, Elam A. White.

Lay: John A. Washington, Benjamin J. Morgan.

Liberia.

Ministerial: William T. Hagan.

Little Rock.

Ministerial: William R. R. Duncan.

Lay: Rufus C. Childres. .

Louisiana.

Ministerial: Lewis G. Adkinson, Stephen Duncan, Aristides E. P. Albert.

Maine.

Ministerial: Edward O. Thayer, David B. Holt.

Lay: Ira S. Locke.

Mexico.

Ministerial: John W. Butler.

Michigan.

Ministerial: James H. Potts, John P. Ashley, Marshall M. Callen, Fayette L. Thompson, Patrick J. Maveety, William M. Puffer, Louis De Lamarter, Aaron P. Moors.

Lay: George M. Buck.

Minnesota.

Ministerial: Henry C. Jennings, George H. Bridgman, John Stafford, Edward P. Robertson.

Lay: Matthew G. Norton, Orren F. Southwick.

Mississippi.

Ministerial: Samuel A. Cowan, James M. Shumpert.

Lay: George M. R. Husbands, John H. Brooks.

Missouri.

Ministerial: Jairus J. Bentley, James O. Taylor.

Lay: Charles W. Proctor.

Montana.

Lay: William Lindsay.

Nebraska.

Ministerial: De Witt C. Huntington, Wharton B. Alexander, George W. Isham, Porter C. Johnson.

Lay: Bartlett L. Paine, John H. Mickey.

Newark.

Ministerial: Henry A. Buttz, Henry Spellmeyer, Alexander H. Tuttle, John Krantz, Daniel Halleron.

Lay: Oscar Jeffery, Robert R. Doherty.

New England.

Ministerial: John W. Hamilton, William F. Warren, James Mudge, Joseph H. Mansfield, Willard T. Perrin, Samuel F. Upham.

Lay: George F. Washburn, Charles R. Magee.

New England Southern.

Ministerial: Stephen O. Benton, Andrew J. Coultas, Walter J. Yates, James I. Bartholomew.

Lay: Robert F. Raymond, Costello Lippitt.

New Hampshire.

Ministerial: William H. Hutchin, Jesse M. Durrell, George M. Curl.

Lay: Arthur T. Cass, Charles E. Foote.

New Jersey.

Ministerial: Jacob B. Graw, George L. Dobbins, James W. Marshall, John Handley, James H. Payran.

Lay: William H. Skirm, Matthias Wooley.

New York.

Ministerial: Abraham J. Palmer, James R. Day, Charles W. Millard, James M. King, Samuel P. Cadman.

Lay: John E. Andrus, Harris L. Cookingham.

New York East.

Ministerial: James M. Buckley, William V. Kelley, George P. Mains, Charles H. Buck, Joseph Pullman, Bradford P. Raymond, Charles S. Wing.

Lay: John M. Bulwinkle, Ezra B. Tuttle.

North Carolina.

Ministerial: Jordan D. Chavis.

North China.

Ministerial: Hiram H. Lowry.

North Dakota.

Ministerial: Homer C. Klingel, Samuel E. Ryan.

Lay: Martin N. Johnson, Albert S. Elford.

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North Germany.

Ministerial: P. Gustav Junker.

North India.

Ministerial: Edwin W. Parker, James L. Humphrey.

North Indiana.

Ministerial: Cyrus U. Wade, Horace N. Herrick, Frank G. Browne, William D. Parr, Mitchell S. Marble.

Lay: Albert A. Small, Albert B. Cline.

North Nebraska.

Ministerial: Daniel K. Tindall, William Gorst.

Lay: Charles A. Goss, John W. Balson.

North Ohio.

Ministerial: William F. Whitlock, William Kepler, Philip B. Stroup, Duston Kemble.

Lay: David A. McDowell.

Northern German.

Lay: John P. Funk.

Northern Minnesota.

Ministerial: Robert Forbes, Joseph B. Hingeley, Robert N. McKaig.

Lay: Leonidas Merritt, William Moses.

Northern New York.

Ministerial: Charles C. Townsend, David F. Pierce, William D. Marsh, Anson D. Webster.

Lay: George R. Russell.

Northwest German.

Ministerial: Frederick Schaub.

Lay: Henry A. Salzer.

Northwest India.

Ministerial: Rockwell Clancy.

Northwest Indiana.

Ministerial: Salem B. Town, Hilary A. Gobin, John H. Cissel, Delos M. Wood.

Lay: James V. Kent, J. Smith Talley.

Northwest Iowa.

Ministerial: John B. Trimble, Daniel M. Yetter, John W. Lothian, George W. Pratt.

Lay: Oscar P. Miller, Charles E. Lane.

Northwest Kansas.

Ministerial: Benjamin T. Stauber, T. J. Harper Taggart.
Lay: Edward L. Getty.

Northwest Nebraska.

Ministerial: Allan R. Julian.
Lay: George H. Hornby.

Norway.

Ministerial: Ole Olsen.
Lay: Karl Andreassen.

Norwegian and Danish.

Ministerial: Nels E. Simonsen.

Ohio.

Ministerial: David H. Moore, John C. Arbuckle, William F. Oldham, Willis V. Dick, William L. Slutz.
Lay: David S. Gray, John W. King.

Oklahoma.

Ministerial: John T. Riley, Hiram A. Doty.

Oregon.

Ministerial: George W. Gue, Dennis A. Watters.
Lay: William A. Odell, Frederick B. Sackett.

Philadelphia.

Ministerial: Thomas B. Neely, Jacob S. Hughes, William L. McDowell, J. R. Taylor Gray, George Elliott, Samuel A. Heilner, Frank B. Lynch.
Lay: Robert E. Pattison, John Field.

Pittsburg.

Ministerial: Thomas N. Boyle, Charles W. Smith, Silas T. Mitchell, William P. Turner.
Lay: Hudson Samson, William W. Ulerich.

Puget Sound.

Ministerial: Wilmot Whitfield, Spencer S. Sulliger.
Lay: Harlan J. Cozine, Thomas S. Lippy.

Rock River.

Ministerial: Polemus H. Swift, Charles J. Little, Frank A. Hardin, Lewis Curts, Henry G. Jackson, De Loss M. Thompkins, William H. Holmes.
Lay: William Deering.

St. John's River.

Ministerial: Levi L. Fisher.
Lay: G. Prentice Carson.

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St. Louis.

Ministerial: David W. Crow, Curtis V. Criss, Jesse B. Young.

Lay: Milton F. Simmons, George W. Brown.

St. Louis German.

Ministerial: Frederick Munz, George B. Addicks, William Koeneke.

Lay: John L. Hinners, Henry Voshall.

Savannah.

Ministerial: James Jackson.

Lay: Richard H. Johnson.

South Carolina.

Ministerial: Joshua E. Wilson, Charles C. Jacobs, Lewis M. Dunton.

Lay: Edward J. Sawyer, Mark H. Gassaway.

South Germany

Ministerial: Jacob Kaufman, Heinrich Mann.

South India.

Ministerial: William L. King.

South Kansas.

Ministerial: Henry J. Coker, John H. Price, Hugh McBirney.

Lay: Nelson Case, Edwin W. Cunningham.

Southern California.

Ministerial: George F. Bovard, W. Arter Wright, Azahel M. Hough.

Lay: Albert J. Wallace, Elbert M. Pyle.

Southern German.

Ministerial: C. Emil Draeger.

Lay: Edwin W. Hander.

Southern Illinois.

Ministerial: Joseph W. Van Cleve, John F. Harmon, Leonidas W. Thrall, Francis M. Van Treese.

Lay: Thomas S. Marshall, McKendree H. Chamberlin.

Southwest Kansas.

Ministerial: George W. Howes, Harrison Waitt, Emory C. Beach.

Lay: S. Harvey Jennings, Francis R. Chrisman.

Sweden.

Ministerial: Gustaf Wagnsson.
Lay: Johan A. Andersson, Otto L. Kling.

Switzerland.

Lay: Wilhelm Ritter.

Tennessee.

Ministerial: Hilary W. Key.
Lay: Thomas S. Fortson.

Texas.

Ministerial: Isaiah B. Scott, Wade H. Logan, William A. Fortson.
Lay: Reuben S. Lovinggood, Mount V. Burgess.

Troy.

Ministerial: Homer Eaton, John H. Coleman, George W. Brown, William H. Hughes, James E. C. Sawyer, George E. Stockwell.
Lay: George B. Greenslet.

Upper Iowa.

Ministerial: John C. Magee, J. Burleigh Albrook, Homer C. Stuntz, Henry O. Pratt, Harry H. Green, Solon C. Bronson.
Lay: Abraham E. Swisher, John F. Merry.

Upper Mississippi.

Ministerial: Griffin G. Logan.
Lay: Ephraim E. McKissack, Eugene E. Pettibone.

Vermont.

Ministerial: Wilbur S. Smithers, L. Olin Sherbourne.
Lay: Lester W. Hanson, Sydney R. Fletcher.

Virginia.

Ministerial: Ulysses S. A. Heavener.

Washington.

Ministerial: John W. E. Bowen, Isaac L. Thomas, Edward W. S. Peck.
Lay: Irvin G. Penn, Isam C. Cabell.

West German.

Ministerial: John Demand, Charles Ott.
Lay: Christian Hoffmann, Max E. Bittner.

West Nebraska.

Ministerial: James Leonard, Orlando R. Beebe.
Lay: John J. Doty, Stephen A. D. Henline.

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West Texas.

Ministerial: Harry Swann, Alexander M. Mason.
Lay: Green J. Starnes, John W. Frazier.

West Virginia.

Ministerial: Albert B. Riker, Francis N. Lynch, Archibald Moore, Joseph W. Bedford, Lloyd W. Roberts.
Lay: Robert A. Armstrong, Marcellus A. Kendall.

West Wisconsin.

Ministerial: Samuel W. Trousdale, William M. Martin, Frank L. Hart, William J. McKay.
Lay: Henry P. Magill.

Western Norwegian-Danish.

Ministerial: Martinus Nelson.
Lay: Anton L. Elvigen.

Western Swedish.

Ministerial: Anders G. Engstrom.
Lay: John W. Israelson.

Wilmington.

Ministerial: Robert Watt, Thomas E. Martindale, Wilbur F. Corkran, Charles S. Baker.
Lay: Charles B. Lore, Gideon E. Hukill.

Wisconsin.

Ministerial: Samuel Plantz, John S. Lean, John E. Farmer, Frank A. Pease.
Lay: Lewis M. Alexander.

Wyoming.

Ministerial: Webster H. Pearce, George Forsythe, Austin Griffin, Manley S. Hard, Hugh C. McDermott.
Lay: William J. Welsh.

H. J. Noyes.

The Secretary stated that he had not received any certificate of the election of delegates by the South America Conference. Also, that Herbert J. Noyes, who had been elected a lay delegate, had written him a letter declining the election as he was ineligible, he not having been five years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The certificates from the South America Conference were subsequently received by the Secretary, and the names of the delegates were called. J. F. Thompson was present, and Nicholas Lowe being unable to attend, Herbert T. Coates, a reserve, was seated in his place.

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As soon as the Bishop announced the presence of a quorum A. B. Leonard moved that the Secretary be elected by acclamation. Carried.

Election of Secretary.

Thereupon A. B. Leonard nominated David S. Monroe, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, who was elected by acclamation, there being no other nomination.

Rules of Order.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the Rules of Order of the last General Conference (see General Conference Journal, 1896, pp. 64-68) were adopted for the government of this Conference, except Rules 1 and 18, as follows:

1. The roll of Conferences shall be called in alphabetical order for the presentation of appeals, resolutions, and miscellaneous business, for immediate consideration. All memorials and all resolutions and miscellaneous papers not presented for immediate consideration shall be placed in the hands of the Secretary without announcement. The person introducing a proposition under this call may speak to it if it be seconded; after which a motion to refer, if made, shall be entertained and be decided without debate.

18. No resolution altering or rescinding any part of the Discipline shall be adopted until it shall have been in possession of the Conference at least one day, and shall have been printed in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, except amendments to the report of a committee when under consideration for adoption.

Rock River proposition.

P. H. Swift moved that the Bishops be requested to report the vote of the Annual Conferences on the proposition submitted by the Rock River Conference for a constitutional change.

T. B. Neely moved to amend so as to include the report on all the propositions submitted by the General Conference of 1896.

On motion of C. J. Little, the amendment was laid on the table by a count vote of 270 for and 181 against.

On motion of F. M. Bristol, the previous question was ordered, and the motion of P. H. Swift prevailed.

The Secretary read the report of the vote as follows:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Vote of Conferences.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN: During the quadrennium now past a proposition for equal ministerial and lay representation, which originated with the Rock River Annual Conference, has been submitted to all the Annual Conferences in words and numbers as follows, namely:

At its fifty-eighth annual session, held in Chicago, Ill., beginning October 6, 1897, the Rock River Annual Conference requests the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences, at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the following proposition to amend the Discipline, to wit:

First. Amend paragraph 60 of the Book of Discipline by striking out all the words after "the Lay Delegates shall consist of," and inserting the words "one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, and these Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates," so that paragraph 60, as amended, shall read:

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"¶ 60. The Lay Delegates shall consist of one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as may have more than one Ministerial Delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates."

Second. Amend section 2 of paragraph 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words "nor of more than two Lay Delegates to an Annual Conference," and inserting the words "nor of more Lay Delegates from any Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference," so that the section, as amended, shall read:

"§ 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of more Lay Delegates from any Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

The above proposition was adopted on October 12, 1897, by a unanimous vote of the members present, of Rock River Conference, in annual session assembled, in Chicago, Ill., October 6–13, 1897.

Attest: S. M. MERRILL, *President.*
J. W. RICHARDS, *Secretary.*

The vote in the Annual Conferences was returned to the undersigned in accordance with the order of the General Conference taken in like cases, and is given in detail in the quadrennial Handbook of the General Conference. A summary of the vote is as follows:

In favor of the proposition ..... 9,270 votes.
Against the proposition ..... 1,524 votes.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS, *Secretary of the Board of Bishops.*
DAVID S. MONROE, *Secretary of the General Conference*, 1896.

J. M. Buckley presented and read the following three resolutions, signed by A. B. Leonard, T. H. Murray, J. M. Buckley, R. E. Pattison, C. J. Little, A. W. Harris, J. F. Goucher, J. W. Hamilton, W. F. Warren, and W. R. Warnock:

Amend the Restrictive Rules.

Whereas, The Rock River Annual Conference, at its fifty-eighth annual session, held in Chicago, Ill., beginning October 6, 1897, requested the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the following proposition: "To amend section 2 of paragraph 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words 'nor of more than two Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference,' and inserting the words 'nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference,' so that the section, as amended, shall read: '§ 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate;'" and,

Whereas, The Bishops submitted to the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the above proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule, which proposition was voted upon by the said Annual Conferences, and was concurred in by three fourths of

all the members of the said Annual Conferences, who were present and voted on the said recommendation; therefore, be it

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Resolved, By the Twenty-third Delegated General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, beginning May 2, 1900, that we hereby concur in the proposed change of the second Restrictive Rule, and it is hereby so amended as to read:

"¶ 67, § 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed by the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

A. B. LEONARD,
T. H. MURRAY,
J. M. BUCKLEY,
R. E. PATTISON,
C. J. LITTLE,
A. W. HARRIS,
J. F. GOUCHER,
J. W. HAMILTON,
W. F. WARREN,
W. R. WARNOCK.

Resolved, That paragraph 60 of the Book of Discipline be amended by striking out the words after "the Lay Delegates shall consist of," and inserting the words "one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, and these Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates," so that paragraph 60, as amended, shall read:

"¶ 60. The Lay Delegates shall consist of one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, and these Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates."

Whereas, The Rock River Annual Conference, at its session, held in Chicago, Ill., beginning October 6, 1897, requested the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, a proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule of the Book of Discipline so as to provide for equal ministerial and lay representation in the General Conference; and,

Whereas, This proposition has been duly approved by three fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences, present and voting; and by two thirds of the members of this Twenty-third Delegated General Conference; and,

Whereas, The Lay Electoral Conferences have selected provisional lay delegates, sufficient in number to complete the representation to which such Annual Conferences are now entitled; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference is hereby instructed to call the roll of provisional delegates, selected by the several Lay Electoral Conferences entitled to additional lay delegates, and that said provisional delegates be admitted as members of this Conference; *provided*, that if objection to the admission of any provisional delegate or delegates be made by six members of the Conference, then the case of such delegate or delegates shall be deferred until all to whom no objection is made have been fully admitted; after which deferred cases, if any, may be called and decided on their merits.

J. M. Buckley moved the adoption of the first resolution, as follows, explaining that it would require a vote of two thirds, and would have to be done by roll call

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according to our custom, as it proposed a change in the Constitution:

Change in Constitution.

Whereas, The Rock River Annual Conference, at its fifty-eighth annual session, held in Chicago, Ill., beginning October 6, 1897, requested the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the following proposition: "To amend section 2 of paragraph 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words 'nor of more than two Lay Delegates for an Annual Conference,' and inserting the words 'nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference,'" so that the section, as amended, shall read: "Section 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate;" and,

Whereas, The Bishops submitted to the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, the above proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule, which proposition was voted upon by the said Annual Conferences, and was concurred in by three fourths of all the members of the said Annual Conferences who were present and voted on the said recommendation; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Twenty-third Delegated General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, beginning May 2, 1900, that we hereby concur in the proposed change of the second Restrictive Rule, and it is hereby so amended as to read:

¶ 67, § 2. The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed by the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

On motion of J. M. King, the previous question was ordered.

Change in delegations.

By consent, Leonard Peter, a reserve delegate of the Switzerland Conference, was seated in place of Ernst C. Schmidtman; Julius Smith, Bengal-Burma Conference, in place of Frank W. Warne; Loren B. Lord, Troy, in place of Howard S. Kennedy.

Roll call.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, it was ordered that the ayes and noes be called; thereupon the roll was called upon concurring with the vote of the members of the Annual Conferences, and resulted as follows:

Ayes: Ackerman, Adams, Addicks, Adkinson, Albert, Albrook, Alderman, Alexander (L. N.), Alexander

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(W. B.), Ames, Andersson, Andreassen, Andrews, Andrus, Appel, Arbuckle, Armstrong, Arnold, Arter, Ashley (J. P.), Atkinson, Auten, Bacon (C. E.), Bacon (L. M.), Baker, Baldwin (C. W.), Balson, Barbour, Barnes, Bartholomew, Bashford, Beach, Bedford, Beebe, Bentley, Benton, Berger, Berry, Billups, Bittner, Blakeslee, Bovard (F. D.), Bovard (G. F.), Bowen, Boyle, Boynton, Bridgman, Bristol, Bronson, Brooks, Brown (G. W.), Brown (G. Warren), Brown (Henry), Brown (Joel), Browne (F. G.), Buck (C. H.), Buck (G. M.), Buckley, Bulwinkle, Burgess, Burt, Butler (J. W.), Buttz, Cabell, Cadman, Callen, Carr, Carson, Carter, Case, Cass (A. T.), Cass (C. P.), Chamberlain, Chavis, Childres, Chrisman, Chynoweth, Cissel, Clancey, Clark, Cline, Clough, Coker, Coleman, Congdon, Conner, Cooke, Cookingham, Cooper, Copeland, Corkran, (W. F.), Coultas, Cowan, Coxe (J. C. W.), Cozine, Craft, Crawford, Criss, Crow, Cunningham, Curl, Curts, Dart, Davis, Dawe, Day, Deering, De Lamarter, De Long, Demand, Dennett, Dick, Dickhaut, Dille, Dobbins, Doherty, Doty (H. A.), Doty (J. J.), Draeger, Duncan (J. M.), Duncan (Stephen), Duncan (W. R. R.), Dunton, Durrell, Eaton (E. L.), Eaton (Homer), Eddy, Edwards (Arthur), Edwards (C. C.), Edwards (W. S.), Elford, Elliott, Elvigen, Engstrom, Ericson, Evans (J. G.), Evans (W. W.), Farmer, Field, Filter, Fisher, Fletcher, Foote, Forbes, Forsythe, Fortson (T. S.), Fortson (W. A.), Frazier, Frenger, Funk, Gamble, Gassaway, Getty, Gibbs, Gibson, Gilbert, Gilliam, Gillum, Gobin, Gorst, Goss, Goucher, Graham, Grant, Graw, Gray (D. S.), Gray (E. J.), Gray (J. R. T.), Green, Greenslet, Griffin, Gue, Guth, Hagan, Halleron, Hamill, Hamilton, Hammond, Hander, Handley, Hansen, Hanson, Hard, Hardin, Harman, Harris, Hart, Hartman, Havighorst, Haw, Heavener, Heilner, Henline, Herrick, Hill, Hingeley, Hinners, Hoffman, Holmes (E. M.), Holmes (O. W.), Holmes (W. H.), Holt, Hornby, Hough, Howes (C. J.), Howes (G. W.), Hughes (J. S.), Hughes (W. H.), Hukill, Humphrey, Huntington, Husbands, Hutchin, Isham, Israelson,

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Jackson (H. G.), Jackson (H. S.), Jackson (James), Jacobs (C. C.), Jacobs (H. L.), Jeffery, Jennings (H. C.), Jennings (S. H.), Johnson (A. J.), Johnson (M. N.), Johnson (P. C.), Johnson (R. H.), Johnson (T. S.), Jones, Jordan, Julian, Junker, Kaufman, Kelley, Kendall, Kent, Kepler, Key, King (J. M.), King (J. W.), King (W. L.), Kling, Klingel, Knapp, Koeneke, Krantz, Kumler, Lanahan, Lance, Lane (C. E.), Lane (J. I.), Lane (T. W.), Lean, Lemcke, Lewis, Leonard (A. B.), Leonard (James), Libby, Lich, Lindsay, Lippitt, Lippy, Little, Locke, Logan (G. G.), Logan (W. H.), Lord, Lore, Lothian, Lovinggood, Lowry, Lynch (F. B.), Lynch (F. N.), Madison, Magee (C. R.), Magee (J. C.), Magill, Mains, Mann (Heinrich), Mansfield (J. A.), Marble, Marsh, Marshall (J. W.), Marshall (T. S.), Martin (E. W.), Martin (W. M.), Martindale, Marvin, Mason (A. M.), Mason (M. C. B.), Maveety, McBirney, McClish, McDermott, McDowell (D. A.), McDowell (W. F.), McDowell (W. L.), McKaig, McKay, McKissack, McVety, Mead, Merrill, Merritt, Merry, Mickey, Millard, Miller (O. P.), Miller (R. T.), Mills (E. M.), Mitchell, Monroe (D. S.), Monroe (H. A.), Moore (Arch.), Moore (D. H.), Moors, Morgan, Morris, Moses, Mouser, Moyer, Mudge, Munz, Murlin, Murray, Nast, Neely, Nelson (Mart.), Nelson (W. H.), Neumiller, Norton, Odell, Ogier, Olander, Oldham, Olsen, Ott, Paine, Palmer (A. J.), Parker (E. W.), Parker (T. F.), Parr, Patten, Pattison, Payne, Payran, Pearce (W. H.), Pease, Peck, Penn, Perrin, Peter, Pettibone, Pierce (D. F.), Plantz, Platt, Pope, Porter, Potts, Pratt (G. W.), Pratt (H. O.), Price (J. H.), Price (L. J.), Proctor, Puffer, Pullman, Pyle, Rader, Rawlings, Rawls, Raymond (B. P.), Raymond (R. F.), Reed, Regnell, Reuss, Rich, Ridenour, Riemenschneider, Riker, Riley (J. T.), Riley (W. L.), Ritter, Robb, Roberts, Robertson, Ruble, Russell, Ryan (E. W.), Ryan (S. E.), Sackett, Salzer, Samson, Sawyer (E. J.), Sawyer (J. E. C.), Schaub, Scott (I. B.), Scott (J. H.), Senseney, Shaw, Sherbourne, Sheridan, Shier, Shumpert, Sia, Simmons, Simonsen, Skirm,

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Slaughter, Slutz, Small (A. A.), Small (C. J.), Smith (C. W.), Smith (D. C.), Smith (G. B.), Smith (Julius), Smith (R. C.), Smith (W. T.), Smithers, Soper, Southwick, Spellmeyer, Stafford (C. L.), Stafford (John), Starnes, Stauber, Stevenson, Stewart (L. H.), Stockwell, Stroup, Stuart (T. McK.), Stuntz, Sulliger, Swann, Sweet, Swearingen, Swift, Swisher, Taggart, Takaki, Talbott, Talley, Taylor (A. J.), Taylor (J. O.), Thayer, Thomas (I. L.), Thompkins, Thompson (F. L.), Thompson (J. F.), Thrall, Tindall, Titus, Town, Townsend, Trimble, Trousdale, Turner, Tuttle (A. H.), Tuttle (E. B.), Ulerich, Upham, Van Cleve, Van Treese, Voshall, Wade, Wagnsson, Waitt, Wallace, Walthall, Warner (H. E.), Warner (William), Warnock, Warren, Washburn, Washington, Waters (J. R.), Waters (W. G.), Watt (Robert), Watt (R. V.), Watters (D. A.), Webster (A. D.), Webster (M. R.), Welsh, White, Whitfield, Whitlock (E. D.), Whitlock (S. H.), Whitlock (W. F.), Wilbor, Wilder, Wiley, Williams (B. B.), Williams (S. J.), Willis, Wilson (H. S.), Wilson (J. E.), Wilson (W. G.), Wing, Winkler, Wood, Woods, Wooley, Worley, Wright, Yates (Richard), Yates (W. J.), Yetter, Young, Zimmerman.—509.

Absent or not voting: Atkins, Baum, Boles, Brokaw, Butler (Pierce), Cabrera, Chase (G. B.), Cochran, Collins, Coon, Cox (Tipton), Dye, Edwards (John), Ferguson, Fuller, Gartner, Gay, Gilluly, Haile, Hawes, Hollowell, Hoskins, Ingram, Jansen, Johnson (W. J.), Kellogg, Kemble, Körner, Laidlaw, Landon, Laylin, Lowe, Lytle, Mann (Ernst), McElroy, McMahon, Metoyer, Mills (Jacob), Morse, Nagler, Neal, Nichols, Noyes, Prather, Price (J. E.), Samuels, Sheets, Steele, Stephens, Taylor (B. U.), Thomas (W. H.), Thompson (J. S.), Williams (A. D.), Winslow, Youngman.—55.

In favor of the proposition.....	509 votes.
Against the proposition.....	00 votes.
Absent or not voting.....	55 votes.
Total.....	564 votes.

While the vote was being counted T. H. Haggerty,

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D.D., of the St. Louis Conference, being accorded the privilege, presented to the General Conference a gavel, made out of wood from the John Street Church, New York, and the first church west of the Mississippi River, in Cape Girardeau County, Mo., in 1819.

Change effected.

The Bishop announced that the constitutional change had been effected by the concurrence of this General Conference.

Second resolution.

J. M. Buckley then moved the adoption of the second resolution, as follows, explaining that "as the resolution did not deal with the Constitution, but merely altered the Discipline in other paragraphs so that they would harmonize with the change in the Restrictive Rule just consummated, it required only a majority vote to pass it:"

Resolved, That paragraph 60 of the Book of Discipline be amended by striking out all the words after "the Lay Delegates shall consist of," and inserting the words 'one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, and these Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates," so that paragraph 60, as amended, shall read: "Paragraph 60. The Lay Delegates shall consist of one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, and these Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates."

It was unanimously adopted.

A. B. Leonard presented the following and moved its adoption:

Whereas, The Rock River Annual Conference, at its session in Chicago, Ill., beginning October 6, 1897, requested the Bishops to submit to the several Annual Conferences at the first regular session of each Conference held after January 1, 1898, a proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule of the Book of Discipline so as to provide for equal ministerial and lay representation in the General Conference: and,

Whereas, This proposition has been duly approved by three fourths of the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, and by two thirds of the members of this Twenty-third Delegated General Conference; and,

To call roll of provisional delegates.

Whereas, The Lay Electoral Conferences have selected provisional lay delegates sufficient in number to complete the quota to which such Annual Conferences are now entitled; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the General Conference is hereby instructed to call the roll of provisional delegates selected by the several Lay Electoral Conferences entitled to additional lay delegates, and that such provisional delegates be admitted as members of this General Conference; *provided*, that if objection to the admission of any provisional delegate or delegates be made by six members of the Conference, then the case of such delegate or delegates shall be deferred until all to whom no objection is made have been duly admitted; after which the deferred cases, if any, may be called and decided on their merits.

Substitute.

T. B. Neely presented the following as a substitute:

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Whereas, The proposition to amend the Constitution, commonly known as the Rock River proposition, and which proposed to amend the second Restrictive Rule so that the General Conference should be composed of ministers and laymen in equal numbers, has received the requisite vote in the Annual Conferences; and,

Whereas, The Lay Electoral Conferences have elected laymen in sufficient numbers as provisional delegates to make their several lay delegations equal in numbers to the clerical; and,

Whereas, The Annual Conferences have in many instances passed a supplementary act authorizing this General Conference to admit such provisional lay delegates, provided the amendment was concurred in by the General Conference, thus showing the general wish of the body of the ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Conference concur in the recommendation of the Annual Conferences so to amend the law that there may be an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, and the General Conference now admit to seats in this body, with all the powers of lay delegates regularly chosen under the Constitution as it was prior to the adoption of the aforesaid amendment, all provisional lay delegates having proper credentials showing their election by their several Lay Electoral Conferences, but subject to challenge in individual cases.

D. H. Moore, as a question of privilege, presented the following:

To the Members of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Ill.

GREETING: In presenting to you my greetings, I desire to say that I have not swerved one iota from the views I have always held in regard to the rights of women to a seat in your honorable body.

I believe the General Conference is the supreme court of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that it was in its power to have so interpreted the Constitution of the Church that the question of woman's eligibility could have been settled twelve years ago, when Frances Willard, of blessed memory, and other elect women of the Church presented themselves for admission.

I have no doubt of my own eligibility. I believe that the Church will never attain its highest plane of usefulness until there is equal representation, clerical and lay, in its great lawmaking body. Unequal representation is un-American!

Therefore, waiving none of the principles involved in the eligibility of women, yet, for the sake of removing every possible hindrance to the immediate seating of these provisional candidates, so far as that hindrance may be occasioned by the question of admission, I shall not present my credentials for admission to this Conference. When elected a provisional delegate by my own Lay Conference a responsibility came with it that could not be lightly treated. That responsibility is now transferred to you.

The question of woman's eligibility is not a question of personal preference, but one of solemn duty to the Church militant. So long as it is left unsettled, so long is our beloved Church out of harmony with the divine comprehensiveness of the Gospel of Christ and the spirit of the age. May our great Church take no backward step!

Very respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) MATTIE YATES MCMAHON.

"Fairview Farm," Griggsville, Ill.

On motion of G. E. Ackerman, the previous question was ordered.

The substitute was not accepted, and the resolution of A. B. Leonard was unanimously adopted.

MAY 2. FIRST DAY. *Morning.* Provisional delegates. Roll call.

The Secretary called the roll of provisional delegates, and the following responded:

Central Illinois.
Charles M. Beecher, Lemi B. Cobb, John T. Noftsker.

Central New York.
Horace A. Mosher, Henry D. Fearon, J. Maltbie Smith.

Central Pennsylvania.
C. Price Speer, William L. Woodcock, John R. Rote, James M. Black.

Cincinnati.
Charles L. Greeno.

Colorado.
Earl M. Cranston.

Delaware.
Simon Chase.

Des Moines.
Alexander H. Roberts, Henry K. Dewey, Everett A. Rea.

Detroit.
Joseph E. Mason, Elett T. Rowley.

East Ohio.
John A. Mansfield.

Erie.
George P. Hukill.

Genesee.
Lafayette H. Beach.

Illinois.
Joseph O. Cunningham, James M. Glassco, Milton Johnson, Sr.

Indiana.
John B. Connor, William J. Knox, William A. Bodine.

Michigan.
George G. Whitworth.

Minnesota.
William H. H. Johnson.

Nebraska.
John Davis.

Newark.
William H. Beach, Henry K. Carroll.

New England.
Albert B. F. Kinney, Joseph M. Dunham, Willard S. Allen.

New England Southern.
Henry A. Fifield, Roswell S. Douglass.

New Jersey.
Ezra B. Lake, Caleb H. Butterworth, George B. Langley.

New York East.
Charles W. Harman, John M. Price, Cephas B. Rogers.

North Indiana.
Leonidas H. Bunyan, George T. Herrick.

North Ohio.
Horace Benton.

Northern Minnesota.
Jacob F. Force.

Northwest Indiana.
William C. Belman.

Ohio.
George D. Selby, William A. Wayland.

Philadelphia.
Matthew V. Simpson, William H. Maxwell, John E. James, Samuel Shaw, Charles Scott.

Pittsburg.
William G. Gleason.

Rock River.
Oliver H. Horton, Edwin S. Munroe, Charles M. Whipple.

South Carolina.
John H. Fordham.

Southern California.
Charles L. Thomas.

South Kansas.
Jefferson J. Hurt.

Southwest Kansas.
Charles L. Davidson.

Texas.
Reese S. Halbert.

Troy.
Benjamin F. Diefendorf.

Upper Iowa.
Thomas B. Taylor, William F. Johnson, Daniel B. Snyder.

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Washington.
Thomas R. Ovelton.

West Wisconsin.
Nathan B. Wharton, Albert F. Ellison.

Wilmington.
Joseph E. Holland.

Wisconsin.
Willis W. Cooper, Edgar M. Beach.

Wyoming.
Abram I. Decker, George K. Powell, George F. Reynolds.

Challenged. When the name of C. H. Butterworth was called, John Handley preferred a challenge, and at the close of the call presented the following paper:

Whereas, One of the provisional delegates from the New Jersey Conference became a member of the Lay Electoral Conference of said Conference by procuring the insertion of his name in a credential which did not and could not belong to him, because he was not a member of that Quarterly Conference, and had not been elected by it, but used the credential of the duly elected member, whose name had been properly affixed thereto by the presiding elder; and,

Whereas, The said Lay Electoral Conference of the New Jersey Conference permitted him to have voice and vote in its proceedings, pending the report of its Committee on Credentials, which was not reached for want of time; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary take this case into consideration, and report upon the propriety or impropriety of such a procedure, that a precedent may not be established whereby a layman rejected by and defeated in his own Quarterly Conference can secure admission to his Lay Electoral Conference as a member of some other Quarterly Conference.

On motion of J. B. Graw, the paper was referred to a special committee of fifteen.

S. O. Benton presented the following:

Seating. *Resolved*, That the Committee on Seating the Members of this General Conference be instructed to provide for the additional delegates now admitted by rearranging the sittings so as to secure the necessary number of chairs for each delegation, without changing the order of the Conferences as determined by the original drawing.

A. B. Leonard offered a substitute authorizing the committee to make a new allotment of the seats.

On motion of M. S. Hard, the substitute was laid on the table.

The motion of S. O. Benton was adopted.

Platform. On motion of F. A. Arter, it was ordered that the platform occupied by the representatives of the press be lowered.

T. H. Murray read the following paper, and, on his motion, it was adopted:

Whereas, The Rev. William Taylor, Bishop of Africa, was born on the second day of May, 1821; went to his first circuit in 1842; joined the Annual Conference in the spring of 1843; and as a world-wide evangelist has gone everywhere preaching a world-wide Gospel; therefore, MAY 2. FIRST DAY. *Morning.* Bishop Taylor.

Resolved, That this General Conference congratulate this venerable and apostolic Bishop in having this day attained the seventy-ninth year of his age.

J. M. King moved the adoption of the plan of organization of Standing Committees as contained in the General Conference Journal of 1896, p. 85, but so amended in the third clause that there shall be one minister and one layman from each Conference on each Standing Committee. The motion prevailed. On Standing Committees.

On motion of W. W. Evans, it was ordered that thirty-five members constitute a quorum for each Standing Committee. Quorum.

On motion of J. M. King, each Conference delegation was instructed to assign its delegates to the several Standing Committees this afternoon and report to the Secretary not later than to-morrow morning. Standing Committees.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, it was ordered that when any of the lay delegates of the General Conference failed to come, and it was necessary to summon the reserves, that the order of seniority of election, or priority of election, shall be followed in each case. So that the first man called shall be the first reserve that was elected, and so on down the body. Reserves.

On motion of G. E. Ackerman, the Secretary was authorized to name his assistants; and, on his nomination, the following were elected: M. S. Hard, E. M. Mills, S. O. Benton, William Kepler, I. B. Scott, C. L. Stafford, R. R. Doherty, A. R. Rich, James Mudge, C. C. Townsend, Christian Neumiller, and T. W. Lane. Assistant Secretaries.

On motion of J. D. Hammond, the Conference adjourned, the benediction being pronounced by Bishop Merrill. Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 3.

MAY 3. SECOND DAY. *Morning.* Bishop Andrews presiding.

The Conference was called to order at 9 A. M., Bishop Edward G. Andrews in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by William Burt, of the Italy Conference.

MAY 3. SECOND DAY. *Morning.* Naming reserves.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, it was ordered that hereafter, and including this particular session thus far, that when a reserve appears and is put in the place of the principal, or when he disappears after having been put in the place of the principal and the principal appears, that in every case the Journal shall record the name of the reserve and the name of the principal; and if it cumbers the record the list of these names be placed in the appendix, and a reference merely in the Journal to the fact.

Changes in delegations.

The Secretary moved that vacancies occurring in the delegations by reason of absence or otherwise be now filled. The motion was adopted, and the following changes were made:

West Virginia: John M. Davis in place of Charles W. Archbold.

Erie: George W. Campbell in place of Gorton B. Chase.

North Ohio: Archie M. Mattison in place of John M. Naylor.

Rock River: David D. Thompson in place of Nicholas G. Van Sant.

South India: Charles J. Muller in place of William E. Gay.

Wisconsin: Samuel A. Fox in place of Norman H. Brokaw.

West Wisconsin: James Spensley in place of Herbert J. Noyes.

Idaho: Robert P. Hammons in place of George A. Landen; Edwin A. Dowd in place of Horace E. Neal.

Illinois: Frank Kern in place of Mrs. Mattie Y. McMahon.

Genesee: Alva Carpenter in place of Benjamin U. Taylor.

East Ohio: John W. Excell in place of James O. Pew.

G. E. Ackerman moved that a committee of three be

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appointed to formulate resolutions recognizing the courtesies of Chicago Methodism and city to this Conference last night. Carried.

W. G. Wilson called attention to the action of yesterday concerning the appointment of Standing Committees, as affecting the Committee on Boundaries. The Rules were suspended.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the action of yesterday was reaffirmed.

Committee on Challenge.

Bishop Merrill announced the committee to consider the protest against seating a lay delegate from the New Jersey Conference, presented yesterday. (See Committees, p. 414.)

On motion of J. B. Graw, the committee was given permission to retire for consultation.

On motion of B. P. Raymond, the following was unanimously adopted:

Bishop Foster.

Resolved, That we learn with regret that on account of feeble health Bishop Randolph S. Foster will not be able to be present at the session of this General Conference, and that the Secretary of this Conference be instructed to respond to the telegram received from Bishop Foster; to assure him of our Christian sympathy, of the high regard in which he is held, and of our prayer that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may constantly abide with him.

Episcopal Address.

On motion of F. M. Bristol, the rules were suspended, and 10:30 A. M. to-day was made the Order of the Day for the reading of the Episcopal Address.

The press.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the Committee on Arrangements was requested to erect a suitable platform in front and center of the platform, and to raise the seats occupied by the members of the press to the height of at least one foot.

Bishop Warren presiding. Dr. Thomas Allen. Dr. James Robertson.

Bishop Henry W. Warren took the chair at 10:15 and introduced fraternal delegates: Thomas Allen, D.D., of the Wesleyan Conference of England, and James Robertson, D.D., of the Irish Wesleyan Conference.

Standing Committees.

On motion of C. J. Little, it was ordered that the second section of the Standing Committees, Nos. 8 to 14 inclusive, meet at 3 P. M. to-day at its designated place of meeting, for the purpose of organization, and that the first section meet to-morrow at the designated time and place for the same purpose.

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At 10:30 A. M. recess was taken.

After singing Hymn 1, beginning,

"O for a thousand tongues, to sing,"

Bishop Andrews reads the Episcopal Address.

Bishop Edward G. Andrews read the Episcopal Address.

J. M. King presented the following:

To print.

Resolved, That the address of the Bishops to which we have listened be published in the *Daily Christian Advocate* and in all the official papers; that four thousand copies be published in pamphlet form for distribution; that five copies be presented to each member of the General Conference, and that the different parts of this address be referred to the appropriate committees.

E. J. Gray moved that the publishing agents be authorized to send copies of the address to the official members of any church upon request of the pastor.

Address to be put in plates.

Homer Eaton moved, as an amendment, that the agents be authorized to put this address into plates; that four thousand copies be immediately printed and distributed among the delegates, five copies to each, and that during the year they be authorized to print as many copies from those plates as shall be demanded and give them to our people.

A. W. Harris moved that the whole matter be referred to a committee. Lost.

The motion of E. J. Gray did not prevail, and the amendment of Homer Eaton was adopted, and the motion of J. M. King, as amended, was adopted.

Committee on Challenge Report No. 1.

J. D. Hammond presented the report of the committee on the challenge from the New Jersey Conference, which was adopted. (See Reports, p. 472.)

Adjourned.

After the Doxology was sung the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Warren.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 4.

MAY 4. THIRD DAY. *Morning.*

Bishop Warren presiding.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Henry W. Warren took the chair. James Mudge, of the New England Conference, conducted the devotional services.

The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

On motion of W. L. McDowell, the rules were suspended, and he introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Conference earnestly recommends that the address of the Bishops be read by the pastors of all our churches to their congregations.

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R. H. Gilbert offered the following substitute:

Whereas, The General Conference heard with great delight the Episcopal Address delivered by Bishop Andrews at its yesterday's session, and the enthusiastic indorsement it elicited found expression in action taken looking to its distribution among our people; and,

Whereas, The design contemplated by our action of yesterday will be, even under the most favorable conditions, subject to necessary, not to mention unnecessary, delay, and so the design be measurably frustrated; therefore,

Bishops' Address to be read in churches.

Resolved, That this General Conference earnestly request all pastors of the Methodist Episcopal Church to call the attention of their congregations to the address of the Bishops, and to read it to them, in whole or in part, as may be deemed most advisable, at as early a date as practicable;

Resolved, That the editors of our official papers be requested to give this action early publication, accompanied by such editorial indorsement as the importance of the subject deserves.

The substitute was accepted and adopted.

Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Miller.

Under the suspension of the rules the following were invited to occupy seats on the platform: Dr. James Mitchell, of the Georgia Conference, on the motion of W. H. Shier; and Dr. Adam Miller, of the Cincinnati Conference, on motion of A. B. Leonard.

The roll of the Conferences was called and papers that were not at once put upon their passage were referred to the proper committees.

Reserve seated.

The rules were again suspended, and, on motion of J. C. W. Coxe, James W. McMullen was seated as a delegate in place of C. H. Wilson, of Iowa Conference.

General Conference Journal.

J. M. Atkins moved that the Publishing Agents be instructed to send a copy of the Journal of this Conference to each delegate and to each Bishop and to every college, seminary, and theological school of the Church, and also one copy to each fraternal delegate.

W. G. Wilson moved to amend so that each member of the General Conference be charged one dollar for the copy sent to him.

On motion of M. S. Hard, the amendment was laid on the table, and the original motion was adopted.

Memorials.

G. E. Ackerman moved that the Chair appoint a committee on memorials of the General Conference officers who have died during the quadrennium. J. M. Buckley moved as an amendment that all papers presented shall be limited to fifteen minutes. The amendment and the original motion, as amended, were adopted.

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Publication of Journal.

G. E. Ackerman moved that the Secretary of this Conference be authorized to edit the Journal of the Conference for publication, and that the published copy, properly certified to by him, be the official Journal of this Conference. Carried.

Committee on City Evangelization.

On motion of J. F. Goucher, it was ordered that a committee of fifteen, to be appointed by the Chair, shall consider the subject of City Evangelization, and report to the Conference.

Papers to schools.

On motion of E. J. Gray, the publishers were instructed to furnish without charge to any university, college, theological school, or seminary under the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on application of the president thereof, one copy of all official papers, including the *Methodist Review*.

Henry Brown offered the following:

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Whereas, It is highly important that the way be early cleared for necessary consideration of unsettled questions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that paragraph 248 of our Discipline be permitted to remain substantially unchanged, and that we declare to the world that the Methodist Episcopal Church has not changed front on the amusement question.

T. B. Neely moved it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Carried.

Theological schools.

A motion by A. N. Craft, that a special committee of fourteen, one from each General Conference District, be appointed by the chair, to inquire into the condition of our theological schools, was, on motion of J. M. King, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

W. N. McElroy presented the following:

Official papers and editors.

That the Book Committee be requested to furnish this Conference a statement of the circulation, profits, and losses of each official paper published by the Church during the quadrennium, giving the profits and losses of the different book depositories, and the amounts of the salaries allowed each official editor and the book publishing agents and secretaries of the different boards.

S. W. Trousdale moved to amend so as to include all subsidized papers. Carried.

H. C. Stuntz moved to amend that they report in three days.

M. M. Callen offered a substitute that the time for reporting be one week. Lost.

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The amendment of H. C. Stuntz was adopted, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Committee on Deaconess Work.

J. A. Kumler moved that a committee consisting of one delegate from each Annual Conference be appointed by the Bishop on Deaconess Work.

H. G. Jackson moved to substitute so that two be appointed from each district, one minister and one layman. Laid on the table.

W. H. Wilder moved to amend so that the committee shall be composed of two from each General Conference District, one minister and one layman, which, on motion of F. B. Lynch, was laid on the table.

A. J. Coultas moved to amend so that the committee shall consist of fifty persons.

Joseph Pullman called for the previous question. Not sustained.

J. M. Buckley moved that the number on the committee of fifty be equal, one minister and one layman, and this amendment prevailed; and the original motion, as amended, was passed.

W. G. Wilson and others offered the following:

Bishops' services.

Resolved, 1. That in the judgment of this General Conference the Book Committee should provide liberally for the support of our Bishops and General Conference officers.

2. That no Bishop or General Conference officer shall receive anything above actual expenses for his services in the dedication and reopening of churches, attending commencements of our educational institutions, and such other like services as he may render the Church.

F. B. Lynch moved to substitute the words "shall charge" for "shall receive," which amendment was lost.

The amendment of C. L. Stafford to insert the word "since" before the clause "in the judgment" was accepted by the original movers, who, after some further debate, withdrew the first resolution.

J. B. Graw moved the previous question, which was lost by a vote of 389 for, and 210 against.

J. W. Bedford moved to amend so that the resolution apply to all ministers who receive salaries. Laid on the table.

J. M. King moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, which, on motion of J. M. Buckley, was laid on the table.

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On motion of P. F. Swift, the previous question was ordered, and the resolution was adopted.

Work in Japan.

On motion of Julius Soper, the report of special work in Japan was ordered to be printed in the *Daily Advocate.*

Handbook.

Homer Eaton, on a question of privilege, obtained permission to have a copy of the Handbook distributed to each delegate.

On motion of J. M. King, it was ordered that the reports in the Handbook shall be considered as the official reports of the several societies of this General Conference.

J. M. Shumpert presented the following, which was adopted:

Expenses.

Resolved, That the commission appointed by the last General Conference on entertainment of this General Conference is hereby constituted the commission on expenses of delegates to this General Conference and authorized to pay the same.

J. M. Shumpert also presented the following:

Committee on Judiciary.

Resolved, That there shall be a committee, to be called a Committee on Judiciary, to which shall be referred all appeals from Conferences, from individual ministers or members of the Church, records of Judicial Conferences, and all other law questions which may be referred to it by the General Conference. This committee shall consist of one delegate from each General Conference district and three delegates at large, and said members shall be nominated by the Bishops and confirmed by the General Conference.

C. W. Millard moved to amend so that each Conference district shall nominate one member, and three at large to be nominated by the Bishops; which, on motion of E. M. Jones, was laid on the table.

On motion of T. S. Fortson, the previous question was ordered, and the resolution was adopted.

C. W. Millard moved the following, which was adopted:

Committee on Fraternal Delegates.

Resolved, That a committee of five on reception of fraternal delegates be ordered, to be appointed by the Bishops.

J. M. Buckley presented the following:

Applause, etc.

Resolved, That the editor of the *Daily Advocate* be instructed to omit from the record of proceedings all reference to applause, laughter, or other irregular manifestations of feeling; also, in mentioning the names of members taking part in the proceedings, to omit degrees and other honorary titles.

Adopted.

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Joseph Pullman offered the following, and it was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Lay delegation.

Whereas, The General Conference is now composed of ministerial and lay delegates in equal numbers, thereby calling for the election of about 375 ministers and 375 laymen; and,

Whereas, The plan now in the Discipline for the election of laymen has not proved satisfactory, chiefly because the members of the Lay Electoral Conferences are frequently unacquainted with the persons brought forward as candidates for election to the General Conference; and,

Whereas, The logical outcome of equal lay and ministerial representation in the General Conference is that in some form and degree laymen shall be in the Annual Conference, whereby our laymen would be brought closer to the practical life of the Church and become better acquainted among themselves; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Church be hereby requested to give consideration to the matters herein contained.

Organic Law.

J. E. C. Sawyer, under the suspension of the rules, moved that the report of the Commission on the Organic Law of the Church, be made the Order of the Day for next Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The motion prevailed.

Missionary Bishops.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, under the suspension of the rules, the report of the Missionary Bishops was made the Order of the Day for Wednesday next at 10:30 o'clock.

P. G. Junker offered the following, which was adopted:

Parchments.

Resolved, That the Bishops are hereby authorized to present in foreign Conferences, where it is desirable, to the preachers who are ordained deacons or elders certificates of ordination in the language of the country; that the Publishing Agents are hereby authorized and instructed to furnish to the Bishops the necessary blanks to comply with the foregoing.

H. N. Herrick moved the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Bishop Bowman.

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to God that in his kind providence the life of our beloved and sweet-spirited bishop, Thomas Bowman, LL.D., has been spared during the past quadrennium, and that his health has permitted him to attend so many district meetings, Annual Conferences, and other like Church meetings in various places, and that he has been enabled to render such valuable service to the Church during these years. We sincerely and humbly invoke the divine blessing upon him as a Christian man and minister and honored servant of the Church, and pray that he may be spared to us yet many years.

Bishop Bowman spoke briefly in response.

Bishop Foster.

J. W. Hamilton read from a personal letter the greetings of Bishop Foster to the Conference, and he was appointed to reply, on behalf of the Conference, to Bishop Foster's greeting.

Opening hour.

D. K. Tindall offered a resolution requesting those

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having the matter in charge to arrange for the opening of the Auditorium at 8 o'clock each morning if it be practicable. The resolution was adopted.

The following, offered by W. F. Whitlock, was adopted:

World's Fair.

Resolved, That we hereby most gratefully recognize the action of the President of the United States in directing that our country's exhibit at the World's Fair be closed on Sunday, and we earnestly urge those in charge to do all in their power to make effective this direction.

Mail distributer.

J. M. King moved that the committee in charge be requested to appoint a mail distributer, to distribute mail to members in their seats. The motion prevailed.

Homer Eaton, at his own request, was excused until next Wednesday on account of duties at New York.

Committees.

On motion of T. B. Neely, it was ordered that the committees to convene this afternoon meet at 3 o'clock.

Epworth League.

On motion of J. W. Hamilton, the Committee on Epworth League was authorized to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Bishop Fallows.

Bishop Samuel Fallows, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, was introduced.

Temperance.

On motion of J. I. Bartholomew, the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic was permitted to meet at 4 o'clock instead of 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Adjourned.

The Conference having expired by expiration of time, after the Doxology was sung the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fallows.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

J. B. Hingeley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

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Resolved, That paragraph 173, section 3, be amended by striking out the words "under the following provisions and limitations" and divisions 1 and 2 under the same; renumbering divisions 3 and 4 as 1 and 2, so that the section shall read, "§ 3. To fix the appointments of the preachers.

"1. He may make the following appointments annually," etc., to the end of the section.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

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Resolved, That the manner of the election of trustees of our churches be changed by altering the first sentence of paragraph 301 of the Discipline so as to read, "Where no specific requirement is made, the trustees shall be elected at an annual church meeting to be held not more than thirty days nor less than five days prior to the session of the Annual Conference, by a majority vote of such members as may be present who are at least twenty-one years old; the exact date of such meeting to be fixed by the Official Board or, in the absence of such action, by the preacher in charge." Trustees.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League:

Resolved, That the Junior League Superintendent be constituted a member of the Quarterly Conference and be required to report each quarter as to the work of the Junior League in accordance with such blanks as may be provided. Junior League.

NORTHWEST GERMAN.

Frederick Schaub presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Resolved, That the General Conference instruct the Board of Bishops to outline *two* courses of study for our preachers instead of one; namely, one for those young men who have completed a theological course at one of our accredited theological schools, and another course for all other men coming into the Conference and into the traveling ministry. Courses of study.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

ALABAMA.

E. M. Jones presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, relating to division of the Central Alabama Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

AUSTIN.

O. E. Olander presented a memorial from the Northern Swedish Mission Conference, signed by C. G. Nelson and himself, concerning the organization of the Northern Swedish Mission Conference into an Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Swedish Mission.

BALTIMORE.

W. S. Edwards offered a memorial, signed by himself, concerning changes in the Discipline in making reports to the Annual Conference. Reports.

Also a memorial, signed by George E. Maydwell, concerning changes in the Discipline referring to the method of electing Conference Treasurer and Statistical Secretary. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Conference officers.

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J. F. Goucher presented a memorial signed by G. E. Maydwell, secretary, concerning "holding services within the bounds of another circuit or station." Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Deacons.

J. W. Rawlings presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the work of deacons. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BENGAL-BURMA.

Missionary Bishops.

Robert Laidlaw presented a memorial from the Bengal-Burma Lay Electoral Conference, signed by the chairman and secretary, relating to Missionary Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

BLUE RIDGE.

Federation.

A. J. Johnson presented a memorial concerning federation. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Accused ministers.

J. G. Evans presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, relating to the trial of an accused minister. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Episcopacy.

Also one concerning the episcopacy. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Social settlements.

Also one, signed by himself and six others, relating to social settlements. Referred to the Committee on City Evangelization.

Boundary.

Also a memorial, signed by H. K. Metcalf and five others, concerning boundary line of the Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Conference claimants.

Also one signed by himself and three others concerning the Conference Claimants' Fund. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Pastors' support.

Also a memorial from Rock Island District Conference, signed by O. M. Dunlevey and two others, concerning pastors' salaries. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

CENTRAL MISSOURI.

Enabling act.

R. E. Gillum and others presented a memorial asking an "enabling act" to divide the Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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Also one, signed by eight persons, relating to districting the colored work. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Colored work.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

H. C. Moyer presented a memorial, signed by L. H. Pearce, concerning the proper organization of new societies and their orderly admission into the Church. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. New societies.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

R. H. Gilbert presented a memorial, signed by himself, and one other, concerning the "liquor traffic." Referred to the Committee on Temperance. Liquor traffic.

COLORADO.

A memorial was presented, signed by W. C. Madison and three others, from Colorado Conference relative to revisals of church membership rolls. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Church rolls.

DAKOTA.

W. H. Jordan presented a memorial concerning the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

DETROIT.

W. F. Sheridan presented a memorial from the Rochester (Mich.) Ministerial Association, signed by the president and secretary, relating to the salaries of Bishops, Book Agents, Editors, and Secretaries. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Salaries.

Also one, signed by William J. Clark and one other, relating to Missionary Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Missionary Bishops.

W. H. Shier presented a memorial from the Rochester Ministerial Association relating to the probationary period. Probation.

Also one, signed by W. J. Clark, concerning removal of members by certificate. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Removals.

EAST MAINE.

E. H. Boynton presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, relating to the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

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Representation.

W. W. Ogier presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning representation of Annual Conferences in General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

GEORGIA.

W. J. Auten offered a memorial, signed by G. V. Byrd, D. W. Cook, R. H. Robb, and himself, concerning help for Southern Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Methodist Advocate-Journal.

R. H. Robb offered a memorial, signed by R. H. Robb and E. F. Dean, concerning a subsidy of $2,000 per annum for the *Methodist Advocate-Journal,* at Knoxville, Tenn. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Also one, signed by R. C. Bramlett, relating to Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Ellijay Seminary.

Also one, signed by W. D. Stevenson, concerning Ellijay Seminary under the supervision of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

ILLINOIS.

Trials.

C. B. Taylor offered memorials, signed by S. H. Whitlock and himself, relating to changes in the Discipline concerning trials for (1) immoral conduct and (2) selling intoxicating liquors. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Ordination.

Also one, signed by himself and one other, concerning the ordination of those on trial in an Annual Conference who are students of a theological seminary. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

IOWA.

Boundary.

J. C. W. Coxe presented a petition from the Iowa Conference, signed by himself and others, on the change of the boundary between the Iowa and Upper Iowa Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Supernumeraries.

Also one, signed by himself and eight others, relating

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to supernumerary ministers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Boundaries.

Christopher Haw presented memorials, signed by W. G. Wilson and twenty-three others, relating to change of boundaries between the Upper Iowa and Iowa Conferences.

Also one, signed by C. S. Cooper and twenty-two others, relating to the same. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Presiding elders.

D. C. Smith presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning the presiding elders' oversight of the spiritual and temporal interests of the Church. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Changes.

W. G. Wilson offered a memorial concerning changes in the Discipline, signed by A. V. Kendrick and others. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Supernumeraries.

Also one, signed by himself and six others, relating to supernumerary preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

JAPAN.

Probation in Conferences.

Julius Soper presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, relating to the time of probation in Annual Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Time limit.

Also one concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

"Heathen."

Also one concerning the word "heathen" in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Central Conference.

Also one concerning a Central Conference in Japan. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Toleration.

Also one, signed by himself and one other, concerning religious toleration in Japan. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Lay representation.

Also one, signed by himself, concerning lay representation. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

Also one concerning the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, signed by himself. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Episcopal residences.

Also one, signed by himself and Masayoshi Takaki, concerning two episcopal residences in eastern Asia,

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and in opposition to the election of a Missionary Bishop for Japan. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

KANSAS.

Time limit.

J. W. Alderman presented a memorial, signed by W. H. Underwood, on behalf of the Ministerial Association of Junction City District, concerning the time limit and the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Central Christian Advocate.

J. R. Madison presented a memorial from the Lay Electoral Conference relating to Book Depository and *Central Christian Advocate.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

L. H. Murlin presented a memorial, signed by Edwin Locke, concerning the removal of the Book Depository and *Central Christian Advocate* from St. Louis to Kansas City, Mo. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

KENTUCKY.

Book editor.

R. T. Miller presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the book editor. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

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Also one concerning paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

MAINE.

Women's ordination.

E. O. Thayer presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, relating to the ordination of women. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MICHIGAN.

Trustees and stewards.

A. P. Moors presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, relating to the election of trustees and stewards. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Stewards.

J. H. Potts presented a memorial, signed by himself and forty-seven others, relating to the election of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Also one, signed by himself and others of Michigan Conference, relating to paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. MAY 4. THIRD DAY. *Morning.* ¶ 248.

MISSOURI.

C. W. Proctor presented a memorial from the Missouri Lay Conference asking "interpretation of the word layman" in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. "Layman."

MONTANA.

Jacob Mills presented two memorials concerning superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Superannuates.

Also one from the Kalispell Quarterly Conference concerning Conference boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

NEW ENGLAND.

James Mudge offered a memorial concerning an amendment to the Constitution of the Sunday school, signed by himself. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Sunday schools.

Also one, signed by himself and ninety-seven others, relating to paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

Also a memorial from the New England Conference concerning the election of Secretaries, Book Agents, and Editors. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Elections.

Also one from the New England Conference concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also one from the Methodist Ladies' Union concerning the ecclesiastical status of the "Ladies' Aid Society." Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Ladies' Aid Society.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

J. M. Durrell presented a memorial asking for a church committee of correspondence with absent members. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Absent members.

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NEW YORK EAST.

J. M. Buckley presented a memorial asking amendment of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Time limit.

Also one, signed by himself, concerning the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH CHINA.

Episcopal residences.

H. H. Lowry presented a memorial from the North China Conference asking for the establishment of an episcopal residence in eastern Asia, and for the assignment of a General Superintendent there for four successive years. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

NORTH INDIA.

Missionary episcopacy.

J. L. Humphrey presented a memorial, signed by H. A. Cutting and forty-three others, relating to missionary episcopacy. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

Methodist hospitals.

C. A. Goss presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others concerning Methodist hospitals. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

NORTH OHIO.

Deaconess work

Duston Kemble presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. Henry C. Hedges and six others, relating to deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Church growth.

J. B. Hingely presented a memorial, signed by C. W. Pearson, relating to the growth of the Church. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Stewards.

Also one concerning the election of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Time limit.

C. C. Townsend offered a memorial concerning the removal of the time limit, signed by D. F. Pierce and M. D. Sill. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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Also one concerning the publishing of the *Northern Christian Advocate,* signed by himself. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. *Northern Advocate.*

Also one from the Northern New York Conference concerning changes in the Organic Law. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Organic Law.

Also one from the Utica District Conference concerning the time limit, signed by D. F. Pierce and one other. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

NORTHERN SWEDISH.

O. E. Olander presented a memorial, signed by C. G. Nelson, concerning the authorizing of three Swedish Conferences, the publication of certain Swedish periodicals, and the granting of funds for publishing a Swedish Hymnal. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Swedish periodicals.

NORTHWEST GERMAN.

H. A. Salzer and Frederick Schaub presented a memorial relative to boundaries between Northern German and Northwest German Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

H. A. Gobin presented a memorial, signed by himself, relating to the Apostles' Creed. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Apostles' Creed.

PHILADELPHIA.

George Elliott offered a memorial, signed by Edwin C. Griffiths, concerning changes in the Discipline pertaining to deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Deaconess work.

T. B. Neely presented a memorial concerning paragraph 248, from Fletcher Charge, Philadelphia Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

ROCK RIVER.

P. H. Swift, of Rock River Conference, presented a memorial from the Conference, signed by G. R. Vanhorne and himself, relative to course of study, which was referred to the Committee on Education. Course of study.

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SOUTH CAROLINA.

Enabling act. J. E. Wilson presented a memorial, signed by himself, and six others, asking for an enabling act concerning the division of the Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

SOUTH INDIA.

Central Conference. W. L. King presented a memorial relating to the time of meeting of the Central Conference, asking that paragraph 87, section 1, of the Discipline be amended. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Boundaries. Also one, signed by himself, concerning the "Boundaries of the South India Conference."

Enabling act. Also one from the Central Conference of India relating to an enabling act to organize Burma District of Bengal-Burma Conference into a Mission Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

UPPER IOWA.

Epworth League. J. B. Albrook presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, relating to the Epworth League Constitution. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Baptismal Covenant. J. C. Magee presented a memorial from himself and others of Cedar Falls District, of Upper Iowa Conference, relative to placing form of assent to the Baptismal Covenant for persons baptized in infancy. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

WISCONSIN.

Subsidies. Samuel Plantz presented a memorial concerning the reduction of the number of *Advocates* and subsidizing papers. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Stewards and trustees. Also one concerning the election of stewards and trustees. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Presiding elders. Also one concerning the election of presiding elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Committees. Also one concerning the appointment of Standing Committees in the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 5.

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At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, upon calling the Conference to order, stated that as Bishop Walden, on account of sickness in his family, may have to leave for home in a short time, he would preside over to-day's session in his place. Bishop Foss presiding.

F. L. Thompson, of the Michigan Conference, conducted the devotional exercises.

The Journal of Friday's session was read and approved.

H. N. Herrick moved that a list of the provisional delegates be printed on a leaflet for insertion in the Handbook. On motion of E. B. Lytle, the resolution was laid on the table. Provisional delegates.

On motion of S. O. Benton, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include all that part of the house reserved by the Committee on Entertainment for the delegates. Bar of Conference.

The call of the roll of the Conferences was now resumed.

P. H. Swift presented the following:

Resolved, That a Committee on General Conference Districts be appointed by the Bishops; such committee to be composed of one member from each General Conference District and one at large. General Conference Districts.

W. H. Shier moved to amend so that this resolution be referred to the Committee on Boundaries with power to act. It was so referred.

P. H. Swift introduced the following, which was adopted:

Every memorial presented shall be accompanied by a slip of paper, a copy of the indorsement made on back of said memorial as provided by Rule 22, namely: Memorials.

1. Name of member presenting it.
2. Conference to which he belongs.
3. Conference, member, or church whence it comes.
4. Subject to which it relates.
5. Committee to which it is desired to refer it.

W. H. Holmes introduced the following, which was passed:

Whereas, A resolution adopted yesterday directed the Agents of the Book Concern to report on the circulation, subsidies, and gain or loss of our official papers, etc.; therefore, Official papers.

Resolved, That said report be made in print and that two copies be furnished under seal to each member of this General Conference.

The following was, on motion of L. L. Fisher, adopted:

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Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the illness in the family of our beloved Bishop Walden, and assure him of our sincere sympathy and earnest prayer for the speedy restoration of his daughter.

The following was, on motion of I. L. Thomas, adopted:

D. L. Moody.

Since the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church last convened Dwight L. Moody, a great general in the Lord's army for more than a quarter of a century, has passed from the field of conflict into his heavenly reward.

In the death of Mr. Moody the world suffers an immense loss. The great revival star has been taken from the religious firmament. None but the Infinite knows the number of persons who have been blessed by the ministry of the sainted preacher. Thousands of church members have been strengthened and inspired by his simple story of the cross, and thousands of sinners have been convicted and saved. Mr. Moody was one of the brightest lights that Christianity has produced during this century.

He was an extraordinary Gospel preacher, a man of prayer, a great student of the Bible, a master of human nature, a soul winner. He was an embodiment of tenderness, simplicity, and faith. He depended upon the Holy Spirit for success and not himself. The people of America, England, and other countries believed in him, and therefore they heard him gladly. Mr. Moody was a servant of the people, and for that reason all denominations mourn his loss. From ocean to ocean the sad news has been borne that Moody is dead. He died at his post, and so may we. In consideration of the foregoing, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church herein assembled, do lament the death of the great evangelist and hereby express our deep sympathy with his family and those who have charge of the enterprises established during his life.

2. That we pray our heavenly Father to raise up a man to carry on the work begun by Mr. Moody, that the twentieth century may witness millions of souls born into the kingdom of Christ, and that each professing Christian throughout the world may represent Christ in life and activity.

G. G. Logan introduced the following, which, in view of the fact that the information will appear in the Journal, was, on motion of J. M. Buckley, laid on the table:

Challenge.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to consider the challenge interposed by certain members against the seating of C. H. Butterworth, lay delegate of the New Jersey Conference, be requested to present to the Secretary a statement of the grounds of the challenge, that the same may be placed upon the Journal of the General Conference.

Charles Ott introduced the following, which was, on motion of J. M. Buckley, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Rule 35.

Resolved, That the Rules of this General Conference shall be supplemented by the following, which shall be known as Rule No. 35:

"On all motions, resolutions, or reports which involve a change of the Discipline the vote shall be taken by orders, and it shall require a vote of two thirds of both orders present and voting to adopt the same."

Charles Ott also moved the following, which was, on motion of A. B. Leonard, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church with instructions to

report next Tuesday morning immediately after the reading of the Minutes:

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General Conference business.

Whereas, In years past the legislative work of the General Conference has been crowded into the last days of the session, when it could not be done with due deliberation; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the beginning of elections be made the Order of the Day for Monday, May the 14th, at 10:30 A. M., and that they be taken up in the same order as they were held at the last General Conference.

2. That no propositions that involve a change of our Discipline shall be received after Tuesday, May 15, except such as relate to subjects already before this body, or such as are made necessary by changes in the Discipline that may be made by this body.

3. That this General Conference adjourn *sine die* on Tuesday, May 29, 1900.

4. That no delegate shall be allowed to draw on the treasurer of the Committee of Entertainment for the amount of his traveling expenses until the last day of the session, or until he has pledged himself to be present at the last roll call, except he be excused from attending by this body.

5. Excuses shall be granted only on account of sickness of delegate or serious sickness, accident, or death in the family of the delegate, or for such other reasons as would make immediate departure an absolute necessity.

H. A. Gobin introduced the following:

Conference Journals.

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements designate a place in this building where the Journals of the Annual Conferences can be deposited and receipted for by a person authorized to give said receipt.

D. S. Monroe moved to amend that some person be specially designated to take care of the Records and be responsible for them.

J. B. Graw moved as a substitute that the ministerial delegate who is a member of the Committee on Itinerancy shall be responsible for the care of the Journal of his Conference, which, on motion of W. R. Warnock, was laid on the table.

M. S. Hard moved to amend so that the secretary of the Committee on Itinerancy shall receive the Journals, and after they have been examined shall distribute them to the respective delegations.

Henry Spellmeyer offered as a substitute, which was adopted, that a safe and suitable place be found where these books can be placed.

A. I. Decker moved to amend that the Journals be brought to a designated room in the Wabash Avenue Church. This was adopted, as was also the motion of D. S. Monroe, and the original motion, as amended, was adopted.

MAY 5. FOURTH DAY. *Morning.* Fraternal Delegates.

Bishop Andrews announced the Committee on Reception of Fraternal Delegates. (See Committees, p. 415.)

D. S. Monroe presented a gavel to Bishop Walden for the use of the Conference, and read the following letter:

NEW YORK, April 30, 1900.

Gavel presented.

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting at Chicago.

DEAR BRETHREN: As the only Methodist resident in the Holy Land during the ten years last past, I beg the pleasure of presenting your distinguished body with a gavel of rare beauty and interest, all the materials of which I have gathered with my own hands, and which I will here describe:

The body of the gavel is of olive wood from the Mount of Olives. The four wedges of other woods inserted are: Balm of Gilead from Jericho, oleander from Jacob's Peniel, terebinth from Shiloh, and grapevine from the valley of Eshcol.

The little square inlaying, opposite the handle, is of a fig tree that shades a part of the great "Springs of Pisgah" on Mount Nebo.

The handle is the head of a shepherd's crook that I procured from the shepherd using it at the ancient Tophel in Mount Seir (Deut. i, 1), still going by the same name, with but slight difference in the peculiarity of accent in the Arabic.

The inlaid pearls between the wedges upon each end are from Bethlehem and represent the leading industry of that city, the shells being obtained from the Red Sea. Upon one end a star, a heart, a cross, and a crown, and upon the other a harp, a sword, a door, and a cluster of grapes. I think it best to leave the handle unworked, put as I cut it from the crook, which was about three feet in length, and that about the average length among quite a lot that I bought for about six cents each.

Will the Conference kindly accept the little gift for the use of the presiding Bishop until it is superseded by one of surpassing interest, and much oblige, yours fraternally, T. J. ALLEY.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, a vote of thanks was extended to the donor.

Dr. Hunter.

The Bishop introduced to the Conference Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada.

A recess was taken.

Gavels.

On motion of W. H. Jordan, the Secretary of the Conference was made the custodian of all the gavels belonging to the Conference.

Dr. Lanahan.

On motion of D. S. Monroe, John Lanahan, who has been a delegate to twelve General Conferences, was invited to a seat on the platform. Dr. Lanahan returned thanks for the invitation, but expressed his preference to sit with his colleagues.

Dr. Pearne.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, Rev. Thomas H. Pearne, D.D., was invited to a seat on the platform.

Consolidation of Societies.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Rules were suspended, and he presented a paper relating to the consolidation of certain Benevolences.

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A motion by W. N. McElroy to include the Board of Education was laid on the table.

Several amendments were accepted by the mover of the original resolution, and the paper was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Committees on Missions, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and the Church Extension Society be instructed to appoint committees of five, constituting a joint committee, which shall report to the General Conference upon the practicability of uniting the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society and the Church Extension Society or either of them with the home department of the Missionary Society into a society to be known as the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the report of the said commision be the report of the day on Friday, May 11, at ten o'clock.

Bishop Hartzell's lecture.

D. K. Tindall presented a resolution having reference to a lecture delivered Thursday evening by Bishop Hartzell, which was, on motion of F. A. Arter, laid on the table. It was afterward taken from the table and, by consent, was withdrawn by the mover. Whereupon J. M. King offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of this General Conference on the resolution concerning the lecture of Bishop Hartzell delivered under the auspices of the Lecture Committee of Entertainment was in no way designed to reflect on the Bishop, but to assert that such resolutions are not within the proper province of the General Conference.

Standing committees.

The organization of standing committees was reported. (See Committees.)

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the editors of the *Daily Advocate* were instructed to daily print in its columns the time and place of meetings, and the name of the church and street where the meetings are to be held.

On motion of J. E. Price, the following was passed:

Epworth League.

Resolved, That the Committee on Epworth League be instructed to consider the advisability of uniting in one officer the duties of editor of the *Epworth Herald* and General Secretary of the Epworth League.

I. L. Thomas presented the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Dr. Baldwin.

Having learned of the illness of Dr. S. L. Baldwin, Recording Secretary of our Missionary Society and General Secretary of the Ecumenical Conference on Missions; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby instructed to convey the sympathy of this Conference to Dr. Baldwin.

On motion of E. J. Gray, Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung, and the Rev. Dr. Robertson, fraternal delegate from the Irish Wesleyan Conference, pronounced the benediction.

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The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

DES MOINES.

T. M'K. Stuart presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Unordained ministers.

Resolved, That paragraph 164 of Chapter III, Book of Discipline, be amended by the addition of a section as follows:

"§ 2. Provided, however, that when an unordained Preacher is appointed to a Pastoral Charge, he shall be authorized by virtue of such appointment to solemnize Marriage and administer Baptism. But this authority shall only continue so long as he is in Pastoral Charge. Under no other conditions shall an unordained Minister, either traveling or local, be authorized to solemnize Marriage or administer Baptism."

Resolved, That Chapter IV, paragraph 42, be amended as follows: Strike out the words in section 1, second and third lines, "he has been at least six months on Probation," and amend what follows so as to read:

Probation.

"§ 1. Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he has been recommended by the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting of the Charge, if a Station, or by the Leaders and Stewards of the Appointment with which the Probationer is united, if the Charge is a Circuit, and has been baptized, and, on examination by the Pastor before the Church, has given satisfactory assurances of the correctness of his faith and of his willingness to observe and keep the rules of the Church.

"§ 2. Any Probationer who may desire to do so may be continued in such relation indefinitely, so long as his conduct and life is in conformity with the General Rules of the Church. But his name may be erased from the Record on the recommendation of the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, as defined in section 1, *provided*, however, due notification has been given him of such intention by the Pastor.

"§ 3. Probationers shall be received into Full Membership in accordance with section 1 of this paragraph, whenever they are ready intelligently to subscribe to our Doctrines and Discipline as indicated in paragraph 445."

In paragraph 47 strike out the words "on the recommendation of a Leader with whom they have met at least six months in Class."

MISSOURI.

J. J. Bentley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Probation.

Resolved, That the second line of the first section of paragraph 42 of the Discipline be so changed as to read as follows, "Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he has been at least three months on Probation."

NEBRASKA.

D. W. C. Huntington presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Presiding elders.

The Committee on Judiciary is hereby requested to interpret paragraph 173, section 3, item 2, of the Discipline, relating to the time limit as applied to presiding elders, so as to answer the following questions, namely:

1. When a presiding elder has served six consecutive years upon a given district, can he be legally appointed to the same office upon another district during the years *immediately succeeding* the expiration of said term, thereby making his term of service as presiding elder

more than six years in a consecutive twelve; said districts not being in "Missions or Mission Conferences in heathen lands?"

2. When a presiding elder has served for six consecutive years, a part of the time having been upon one district and a part upon another, can he be legally appointed to the second district for the full term of six years, thereby lengthening his period of service beyond six consecutive years?

B. L. Paine and G. W. Isham presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revisals be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so changing paragraph 42, item 1, of the Discipline, that the word "six" be stricken out, and the word "three" be inserted in its place, so that the item shall read as follows: "Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he has been at least three months on Probation."

Probation.

And furthermore, that paragraph 445 (Form for Receiving Persons into the Church after Probation) be so changed that the word "six" be stricken out, and the word "three" shall be inserted in its place, so that it shall read, "and have been under the care of proper Leaders for three months."

NEW YORK EAST.

C. W. Harman presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Supernumeraries.

Whereas, The support of our worn-out preachers is inadequate; and,

Whereas, The call for Twentieth Century Thank Offerings specifies this cause as one worthy of and in need of generous gifts, and the Episcopal Address refers most appealingly to this subject;

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the Church to raise a fund of $1,000,000, to be added to the Chartered Fund, the income of which is to be used exclusively for Conference claimants, and that a Sabbath in October, 1900, be set apart by each church to take up a special collection for this fund.

This is not to take the place of the regular collection for Conference claimants.

NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

G. H. Hornby presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Temperance.

Whereas, Many of our *Advocates* and Church papers have no regular temperance department, and publish little for temperance; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference instruct the editors of our Church papers to publish in each issue a temperance department to occupy at least one page of the paper.

PHILADELPHIA.

George Elliott presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Resolved, That the Discipline be revised and amended by the addition of a chapter providing for the substitution, in any charge desiring it, of a Church Conference, composed of the adult members of the Church, for the Quarterly Conference. Such chapter shall immediately follow that on Quarterly Conferences, and shall read as follows:

"THE CHURCH CONFERENCE.

Church Conference.

"¶—. The Church Conference shall be composed of all the members of a Charge who are over twenty-one years of age.

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"¶—. The Church Conference shall hold two regular sessions each Conference year, and its organization, powers, and order of business shall be the same as those prescribed for the Quarterly Conference, for which it shall be a substitute. Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the Official Board, or upon the written request of ten members.

"¶—. The Church Conference may choose from its own number a President *pro tem.* to preside in the absence of the President *ex officio.*

"¶—. All elections of Official Members by the Church Conference shall be by ballot and without nomination.

"¶—. The provisions for Church Conferences shall be of force and binding only in those Charges where the same have been approved by a majority of the members over the age of twenty-one years present and voting at an election specially called for that purpose, two public notices of such election having been previously given.

"¶—. A Church Conference may be discontinued by a vote of the majority of members present at any regular session, notice thereof having been given at a previous session."

T. B. Neely presented the following concerning the term of probation, which was referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Probation.

Resolved, That paragraph 42 of the Discipline be amended by striking out the word "six" and inserting "three," so that it will read: "Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he has been at least three months on Probation," etc.

PITTSBURG.

T. N. Boyle presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension:

Board of Church Extension.

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Extension be requested to consider and report on so changing the chapter on Church Extension that the corresponding secretaries shall be elected by the Board of Church Extension instead of by the General Conference.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League:

Epworth League.

Resolved, That the Committee on Epworth League be requested to consider and report on amending the Chapter on Young People's Societies, so that the office of secretary shall be abolished and the duties assigned to the editor of the *Epworth Herald.*

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

Whereas, The following opinion of the Committee on Judiciary was reported to the last General Conference, but was passed without action; therefore,

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Resolved, That it is hereby approved by this General Conference: "We are of the opinion that paragraph 248 of the Discipline was an act of legislation of 1872, and not a judicial construction of the General Rules upon the subjects contained in said section; that the clause therein relating to specific amusements changes section 30 of the General Rules by adding thereto the amusements enumerated in said paragraph 248, and is therefore in violation of section 4, paragraph 67, of the Discipline, which declares, that

"'The General Conference shall not revoke nor change the General Rules of the United Societies.'"

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Missions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be requested to consider and report on so changing our laws that the corresponding secretaries shall be elected by the Missionary Board instead of by the General Conference. Missionary Secretary.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Education:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be requested to consider and report on amending the chapter on Education so that the corresponding secretary shall be elected by the Board of Education instead of by the General Conference. Education Secretary.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Resolved, That the Committee on Itinerancy be requested to consider and report on so amending paragraph 173 that the Bishops may be authorized to appoint a preacher to a pastoral charge for as many consecutive years as may be deemed for the good of the Church. Time limit.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Church be requested to consider and report on striking out of paragraph 39 the following: "No divorce, except for adultery, shall be regarded by the Church as lawful; and," so that it will read, "No Minister shall solemnize marriage in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband living; but this rule shall not be applied to the innocent party to a divorce for the cause of adultery, nor to divorced parties seeking to be reunited in marriage." Divorce.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Resolved, That the Committee on Book Concern be requested to consider and report on so amending the chapter on Book Concern that all agents and editors shall be elected by the Book Committee instead of by the General Conference. Publishing agents and editors.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid:

Resolved, That the Committee on Freedmen's Aid be requested to consider and report on so changing the chapter on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society that the corresponding secretaries shall be elected by the Board of Managers instead of by the General Conference. Freedmen's Aid secretaries.

SOUTH KANSAS.

Hugh McBirney presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Whereas, Our Church has very imperfect episcopal supervision, our people rarely seeing a Bishop, and District Conferences, Church anniversaries, and dedications seldom secure the presence and help of our General Superintendents; Bishops.

Resolved, 1. That we request the Committee on Episcopacy, at an early date, to report a plan for districting the Bishops during the next quadrennium.

2. That the Bishops be required to travel at large through their districts, visiting our churches and District Conferences, without charge to the churches and districts thus visited.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

G. F. Bovard presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Arizona Mission.

Resolved, That paragraph 439, section 1, which now reads, "Arizona Mission shall include the Territory of Arizona," shall be amended by adding the words "and The Needles in California," making the section when amended to read, "Arizona Mission shall include the Territory of Arizona and The Needles in California."

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Resolved, That paragraph 438, section 100, which now reads, "Southern California Conference shall embrace that portion of the State of California lying south of the California Conference; also that portion of the State east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and south of Inyo County," shall be amended by adding the words "except The Needles;" making the section, when amended, to read, "Southern California Conference shall embrace that portion of the State of California lying south of the California Conference; also that portion of the State east of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and south of Inyo County, except The Needles."

TENNESSEE.

T. S. Fortson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Electoral Conference.

Resolved, That the words "and *provided*, also, that no person shall be elected to the Lay Electoral Conference by a Charge in which he does not hold his Membership" be added to paragraph 62 of the Discipline, so that said paragraph shall then read: "The Electoral Conference shall be composed of one Layman from each Circuit or Station within the bounds of the Annual Conference, such Layman to be chosen by the last Quarterly Conference preceding the time of the assembling of the Electoral Conference; and on assembling, the Electoral Conference shall organize by electing a Chairman and Secretary of its own number; *provided*, that no Layman shall be chosen to the Lay Electoral Conference or to the General Conference who shall be under twenty-five years of age, or who shall not have been a Member of the Church in Full Connection for the five consecutive years preceding the elections; and *provided*, also, that no person shall be elected to the Lay Electoral Conference by a Charge in which he does not hold his Membership."

TEXAS.

W. A. Fortson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Licensed Preachers not to be delegates.

Resolved, That the words "and *provided*, that no licensed Preacher shall be a Delegate to the Electoral Conference" be added to paragraph 62 of the Discipline, so that said paragraph shall read: "The Electoral Conference shall be composed of one Layman from each Circuit or Station within the bounds of the Annual Conference, such Layman to be chosen by the last Quarterly Conference preceding the time of the assembling of such Electoral Conference; and on assembling, the Electoral Conference shall organize by electing a Chairman and Secretary of its own number; *provided*, that no Layman shall be chosen a Delegate either to the Electoral Conference or the General Conference who shall be under twenty-five years of age, or who shall not have been a Member of the Church in Full Connection for the five consecutive years preceding the elections; and *provided*, that no licensed Preacher shall be a Delegate to the Electoral Conference."

WEST GERMAN.

Charles Ott presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

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Resolved, That section 3, paragraph 173, divisions 1 and 2, be stricken out and the following substituted for the same:

"1. He shall not allow any Preacher to remain in the same Pastoral Charge for more than three consecutive years, nor more than three years in any consecutive six years; should, however, it become necessary to reappoint the Preacher for a longer period than three years, it may be done at the request of three fourths of all the Members of the Quarterly Conference of such Charge, in which request the Presiding Elders of the Conference must concur before such an appointment can be made; but in no case shall he appoint the same for a longer period than five years out of any ten years. Time limit.

"2. He shall not allow a Presiding Elder to preside in the same District more than six consecutive years nor any more than six years in any consecutive twelve; but Presiding Elders in either Missions or Mission Conferences in heathen lands may be appointed to the same District for more than six consecutive years."

WEST VIRGINIA.

Archibald Moore presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Financial support.

Whereas, It is well known that many members of our Church who are financially able to support the Church and for unworthy reasons persistently refuse to do so; and,

Whereas, The law of the Church seems incompetent to regulate such grievances, and because of the odium attending an attempt upon the part of the pastor to regulate such violation of the vow of Church membership; therefore,

Resolved, That in all cases of known and willful violation of the vow of Church membership and for persistent refusal to make amends for such indifference to personal responsibility to support the Church, upon a two-thirds vote of the members of the Quarterly Conference present and voting, the member or members of the Church may be removed without trial.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

Boundaries.

G. B. Collins presented a memorial from Gulf Mission Conference relating to boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

BOMBAY.

Missionary episcopacy.

T. S. Johnson presented a memorial from the Bombay Conference concerning missionary episcopacy. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco Depository.

E. R. Dille presented a memorial from the Quarterly Conference of First Methodist Church, of Oakland, Cal., concerning the Methodist Book Depository at San Francisco. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

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Time limit. Also another concerning the removal of the time limit, and another concerning General Conference Districts. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Stewards and trustees. Also one concerning the election of stewards, trustees, and lay delegates to the Lay Electoral Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

Boundaries. H. K. Metcalf presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning the boundary line between the Central Illinois and Rock River Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Membership. A memorial, signed by E. H. King, was presented, concerning certificates of membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL SWEDISH.

Church Extension. Albert Ericson presented a memorial on behalf of the Central Swedish Conference concerning Church Extension. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Swedish Hymnal. Also a memorial from the Ministerial Association of Chicago and Galesburg Districts, signed by A. J. Anderson, concerning Swedish Hymnal. Referred to the Committee on Tract Society.

Book Concern Committee. Also a memorial from the Ministerial Association of Chicago and Galesburg Districts, signed by A. J. Anderson, concerning the Book Concern Committee. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Boundaries. Also a memorial from the Ministerial Association of Chicago and Galesburg Districts, signed by A. J. Anderson and one other, concerning General Conference Districts. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Periodicals. Also a memorial from the Central Swedish Conference concerning Swedish periodicals. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

CHICAGO GERMAN.

Bishops. Jacob Berger presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

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CINCINNATI.

J. N. Gamble presented a memorial from the Charles Wesley Brotherhood of Cincinnati concerning that brotherhood. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Brotherhood.

DES MOINES.

E. M. Holmes presented a memorial, signed by W. B. Thompson and six others, concerning heresy in our schools. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Heresy.

A. H. Roberts presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning the election of stewards and trustees. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Stewards and trustees.

FOOCHOW.

J. H. Worley presented a memorial from the Central Conference on episcopal residence. Episcopal residence and missionary work.

Also from same relative to missionary in charge.

Also from same favoring division of Missionary Society into home and foreign.

Also from same relative to powers of Annual Meeting of foreign Missions. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Also from same concerning changes in Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

GENESEE.

P. S. Merrill presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. I. N. Dalbey and thirty-three others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

M. R. Webster presented a memorial, signed by Benjamin Copeland and thirteen others, concerning the term of probation. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Probation.

Also one signed by L. D. Watson and one other, concerning the *Northern Christian Advocate.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. *Northern Christian Advocate.*

Also one signed by Mrs. J. T. Gracey, concerning the amendment of the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

ILLINOIS.

Advocates. H. M. Hamill presented a memorial, signed by W. A. Smith and three others, concerning consolidation of *Advocates.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Presiding elders. Also a memorial concerning appointing presiding elders and Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Hymnals, etc. Also a memorial concerning hymnals, amusements, and deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Periodicals. W. A. Smith presented a memorial from the Ministerial Association of Springfield District, Illinois Conference, relative to periodicals. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

INDIANA.

Certificates. E. B. Rawls presented a memorial from the Indiana Conference, signed by W. Telfer and others, asking change of form of "Church Certificate." Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

ITALY.

Greetings. Fritz Baum offered a memorial greeting the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Episcopal residences. William Burt presented a memorial from the Italy Conference relative to episcopal residences. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

JAPAN.

Missionary work. Julius Soper presented a memorial concerning missionary work in Japan, signed by himself and one other. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

LOUISIANA.

Bishops. A. E. P. Albert presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

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MAINE.

I. S. Locke offered a memorial from the Maine Lay Electoral Conference concerning education of our ministry. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Education.

Also a memorial from the same concerning method of electing stewards, signed by himself. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Stewards.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and the Maine Lay Electoral Conference, concerning the admission of women. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Women delegates.

E. O. Thayer presented a memorial, signed by W. F. Berry, as secretary, relative to "local preachers as supplies." Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Supplies.

MEXICO.

J. W. Butler offered a memorial concerning the extension of the work of the Church Insurance Association to foreign fields where the Missionary Society is supporting work. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Insurance.

Also a memorial relative to the Book Concern furnishing electrotypes. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Electrotypes.

MINNESOTA.

G. H. Bridgman presented a memorial from the St. Paul Preachers' Meeting concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also a memorial, signed by W. J. Weber and one other, concerning the probationary period. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Probation.

Also a memorial from the St. Paul Preachers' Meeting, signed by W. J. Weber and one other, concerning the constitutionality of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 248.

John Stafford presented a memorial from the pastors of the Mankato District concerning the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also a memorial from the Fairmount District, signed by E. H. Goodell, secretary, concerning the election of Trustees and stewards.

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trustees and stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEBRASKA.

Bishops. P. C. Johnson presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Episcopal districts. J. H. Mickey presented a memorial concerning episcopal districts. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

NEWARK.

Sunday School Union. W. H. Beach presented a memorial from the managers of the Sunday School Union concerning the election and duties of its officers. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Time limit. H. A. Buttz presented two memorials from the Newark Conference concerning the time limit.

Representation. Also one from the same Conference concerning representation in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Elections. Also one from the same Conference concerning election of officers. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Probation. Also one from the same Conference concerning the probationary period. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Members. Also one from the same Conference concerning church members. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Boundaries. Also a memorial from the St. John's Charge, of the Delaware Conference, signed by James A. Francis and fifty-five others, concerning a change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NEW ENGLAND.

Church organizations. W. S. Allen presented a memorial concerning the appointment of a commission to consider the business organizations of the Church. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

University Senate. W. F. Warren presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the University Senate. Referred to the Committee on Education.

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G. P. Mains presented a memorial relating to reporting missionary collections in open Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Missionary collections.

NORTH DAKOTA.

S. E. Ryan presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning change of probationary term. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Probation.

NORTH OHIO.

Duston Kemble presented a memorial, signed by E. C. Griswold and others, on "duties of official boards." Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Official Boards.

OHIO.

J. C. Arbuckle presented a memorial from the Columbus District Ministerial Association relative to "trial by the Annual Conference." Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Also one from the same relating to "the Judicial Conference," and another relating to "locating an unacceptable minister." Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Judicial Conferences.

J. W. King presented a memorial from the Columbus District Ministerial Association "to provide against deficiency in money for General Conference expenses and the Episcopal Fund." Referred to the Committee on Revisals. General Conference expenses.

D. H. Moore presented a memorial, signed by J. D. Walsh and two others, concerning the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

W. F. Oldham presented a memorial, signed by John Henry Barrows and thirty others, concerning the Twentieth Century. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Twentieth Century.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

C. C. Townsend presented a memorial concerning changes in provision for receiving certificates from other Certificates.

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than Methodist schools in common English, general history, and literature, signed by C. C. Townsend and S. J. Greenfield and all the board of examiners. Referred to the Committee on Education.

OKLAHOMA.

Colored work.

J. T. Riley presented a memorial, signed by N. M. Empart and four others, concerning boundaries of the colored work. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Bishops.

H. A. Doty presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the Bishops as lecturers. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

OREGON.

Quarterly Conference reports.

D. A. Waters presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning Quarterly Conference reports. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PHILADELPHIA.

Church property.

S. A. Heilner presented a memorial from the Philadelphia Conference, concerning the control and disposition of church property. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Epworth League statistics.

J. S. Hughes presented a memorial, signed by S. G. Grove, concerning Epworth League statistics. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

R. E. Pattison presented a memorial, signed by W. Downey and others, relative to Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Form of worship.

M. V. Simpson presented a memorial from First Church, Germantown, Pa., signed by W. A. Church and

Class meetings.

others, relating to form of service. Also a memorial signed by M. Fox and others, from the Philadelphia Conference, relative to class meetings. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Time limit, etc.

Also a memorial, signed by Thomas Ditcett and others, concerning the time limit, Quarterly Conferences, public reading, knowledge of music, Church hymnals, and Sabbath school room. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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George Elliott presented a memorial from Covenant Methodist Episcopal Church, signed by S. R. Smith and Conference District, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Covenant Methodist Episcopal Church.

PUGET SOUND.

T. S. Lippy presented a memorial, signed by Wilmot Whitfield and three others, concerning separate General Conference Districts. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. General Conference Districts.

Wilmot Whitfield presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning Pastor's Aid Society. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Pastor's Aid Society.

ROCK RIVER.

W. H. Holmes presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning a constitution for the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on the Epworth League. Epworth League.

H. G. Jackson presented a memorial from Oak Park Methodist Episcopal Church relative to missionary evangelists. Referred to the Committee on Missions. Evangelists.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and twenty others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

P. H. Swift presented a memorial from the Rock River Conference, concerning the election of presiding elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Presiding elders.

Also one from the same Conference concerning the liquor traffic. Referred to the Committee on Temperance. Liquor traffic.

Also one from the same Conference, concerning the Epworth League secretary. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Epworth League.

Also one from the same Conference concerning the organization of a church. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Church organization.

Also a memorial from the ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Chicago and vicinity, signed by M. E. Cady and others, relative to change ¶ 248.

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of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Organic union.

Also a memorial, signed by R. W. Richards, concerning organic union with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Boundaries.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning boundaries of General Conference Districts. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Missionary agents.

Also from the Rock River Conference, relating to special agents for the Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

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L. L. Fisher presented a memorial from St. John's River Conference, asking that paragraph 248 of the Discipline be not changed. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Trustees.

Also a memorial concerning trustees. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis Depository.

G. W. Brown presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the removal of the St. Louis Depository. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

D. W. Crow presented a memorial from the St. Louis Conference, concerning the removal of the St. Louis Depository. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Time limit.

J. F. Thompson presented a memorial from the South America Conference concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Bishops.

Also one from the same Conference concerning episcopal supervision. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

SOUTH INDIA.

Missionary Society.

W. L. King presented a memorial from Central Conference of India concerning division of the Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

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SOUTH KANSAS.

H. J. Coker presented a memorial from the South Kansas Conference concerning transfer of church membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. — Membership.

Also one from the same Conference concerning the removal of the Book Depository from St. Louis. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. — St. Louis Depository.

Hugh McBirney presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. — Epworth League.

Nelson Case presented a memorial concerning leaving the Discipline as is in paragraph 248. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. — ¶ 248.

VERMONT.

W. S. Smithers presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the election of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. — Stewards.

WEST GERMAN.

John Demand presented a memorial concerning Epworth League statistics. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. — Epworth League.

WEST WISCONSIN.

W. M. Martin presented a memorial, signed by S. S. Benedict, concerning the ratio of ministerial representation in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. — Representation.

S. W. Trousdale presented a memorial from the West Wisconsin Conference concerning periodicals. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. — Periodicals.

WESTERN NORWEGIAN-DANISH.

Martinus Nelson presented a memorial, signed by himself and fourteen others, concerning subsidy for *Vidnesbyrdet.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. — *Vidnesbyrdet.*

WYOMING.

Austin Griffin presented a memorial from the West Pottstown Quarterly Conference concerning the Twen- — Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

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tieth Century Thank Offering. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Conference collections.

M. S. Hard presented a memorial concerning reporting Conference collections, signed by himself and two others. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

H. C. McDermott presented a memorial from the Wyoming Conference concerning statistics. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Northern Christian Advocate.

W. H. Pearce presented a memorial from the Central New York Conference concerning the *Northern Christian Advocate.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

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MONDAY MORNING, MAY 7.

Bishop Hurst presiding.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop John F. Hurst called the Conference to order.

P. S. Merrill, of the Genesee Conference, conducted devotional services.

The Minutes of Saturday morning's session were read and approved.

John Moler present.

John Moler, a lay delegate, was announced as having appeared and taken his seat.

T. R. Petri. A. H. Boles.

On motion of H. M. Hamill, Thomas R. Petri was given the seat of William G. Cochran, Illinois Conference. Alfred H. Boles, Oklahoma, was announced as present.

G. Manning.

On motion of J. W. Butler, George Manning was seated in place of Andres Cabrera, Mexico Conference.

J. Chapman.

On motion of L. H. Stewart, East Ohio Conference, Joseph Chapman was granted the seat of John W. Excell, and J. W. Excell was granted that of James A. White, who had not arrived.

Directory.

W. H. Shier moved that the Secretary be authorized and instructed to prepare and distribute a Handbook or Directory, in pocket size, which shall contain a list of every Standing Committee, and such other information as his judgment dictates.

An amendment by F. A. Arter, directing that it give the city address, was, on motion, laid on the table.

G. P. Mains moved to amend that each delegate send his name and address during recess this morning.

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J. E. C. Sawyer moved, as a substitute for the amendments, that the chairman of each delegation give the name and city address of each member of his delegation to the Secretary during this session. The substitute was accepted and adopted.

Rules of Order.

On motion of G. F. Washburn, it was ordered that the Handbook include the Rules of Order. The motion, as amended, was adopted.

Education.

Permission was granted by common consent to have report of the Committee on Education printed in the *Daily Advocate.*

S. O. Benton moved a suspension of the rules, and, on his motion, the following was adopted:

Consolidation of societies.

Whereas, The authority of the Bishops to consolidate two or more of our societies has been called in question; and,

Whereas, In a case arising from such consolidation a decision has been rendered by the civil court on the ground that the Book of Discipline does not appear to give to the Bishops this power; therefore,

Resolved, That this question be referred to the Committee on Episcopacy, with instructions to consider it and to formulate a declaration of the law and usage of the Church in this particular, and report to this body as soon as possible.

T. H. Murray excused.

T. H. Murray asked for and obtained leave of absence for a few days, being called away on important business.

Committees.

Bishop Andrews announced Special Committees. (See Committees, p. 413.)

Theological professors.

He also presented a memorial from the Board of Bishops, concerning the professors in theological schools, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Judiciary Committee.

J. M. Buckley moved a suspension of the rules, and, on his motion, the Committee on Judiciary was instructed, in all reports, to give a condensed statement of each case, and the reason or reasons for each decision, and that the committee neither consider nor report any suppositious cases.

The roll of Conferences was called.

The following resolution, presented by G. E. Ackerman, was adopted:

Number of Bishops.

Resolved, 1. That the Committee on Episcopacy be instructed to report not later than Saturday next whether in their judgment we should elect any Bishops at this General Conference. 2. If so, how few should be elected.

Missionary Bishops.

Under suspension of the rules, and on motion of A. B. Leonard, the Committee on Episcopacy was instructed

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to determine whether any Missionary Bishops should be elected, and, if so, the number and the field.

P. P. Pope moved that the following resolution be made the Order of the Day immediately after recess to-morrow morning; but, on motion of E. R. Dille, it was referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Probation.

Resolved, That the following be printed in the *Daily Advocate* and be made the Order of the Day Tuesday, after recess, to wit:

That paragraph 42, section 1, of Chapter IV, on page 35 of the Discipline be amended by striking out the words "has been at least six months on Probation," so that the paragraph shall read, with the added words "examined and:" "Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he has been examined and recommended by the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, or, where no such meeting is held, by his Leader, has been baptized, and, on examination by the Pastor before the Church, has given satisfactory assurances both of the correctness of his faith and of his willingness to observe and keep the rules of the Church."

H. T. Ames presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

¶ 248.

Resolved, That paragraph 248 of the Discipline be amended by inserting at the sixth line thereof, after the words "becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in such traffic," the words "or presenting petitions for or soliciting or procuring license for the sale of intoxicating liquors from any court, excise board, or any municipal or other body having the power to grant license."

The following, which was presented by H. T. Ames, was referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Changing Restrictive Rules.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revisals be and are hereby instructed to present to this General Conference a section to the Discipline which shall read substantially as follows, to wit:

"§—. That whenever any proposition to change the Restrictive Rules, by alteration, amending, or striking out, shall be submitted to the Annual Conferences, in the manner now provided by the Law of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Annual Conference entitled to vote thereon, together with the Bishop who presides at the Conference so voting, to certify to the Secretary of the preceding General Conference a detailed statement of the vote cast for and against the proposition by that Conference. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the preceding General Conference to report to the next Delegated General Conference, immediately after its organization, a detailed statement of all votes cast for and against every proposition so submitted during the quadrennium, to change the Restrictive Rules by alteration, amendment, or striking out, so that the same may be entered at large in the Journal.

The following, presented by W. H. Crawford, was referred to the Committee on Epworth League:

Epworth League.

Whereas, The purpose of the Epworth League is to promote intelligent and vital piety among the young people of our churches and congregations, and to train them in works of mercy and help; and,

Whereas, That part of the Constitution of the League which declares that no collection shall be taken by the Epworth League, except for League purposes is reported to have been violated in many quarters, and appeals to the League for money are being made by various institutions; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Epworth League be requested to consider the advisability of recommending some action which shall

make impossible further financial demands upon the League, and save it from being regarded as a money-raising organization.

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On motion of H. A. Monroe, the following was adopted:

General Conference entertainment.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the wisdom and fairness of the present method of entertaining the General Conference, and recommend that in future invitations from cities offering to entertain the General Conference, be accompanied by like guarantees of equal treatment to all delegates who may attend; and where there is a failure to secure such guarantee with the invitation, the Committee on Entertainment of the General Conference be requested to ask for the same before concluding arrangements.

Recess was now taken.

W. S. Edwards was granted the privilege of occupying the vacant chair of D. S. Monroe.

Dr. E. E. Hoss.

The Bishop introduced the Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Letter from Bishop Taylor.

The following letter from Bishop Taylor to Bishop McCabe was read:

"PALO ALTO, April 27, 1900.

"DEAR BISHOP: I am sorry that I shall not be able to go to the General Conference. My general health is good, but I can't walk nor talk with any facility. My first two years in South Africa the African war troubles increased steadily, yet God was so manifestly with his people of color that the pastors numbered over twelve hundred new converts in the two years named. I love the African work. I was brought up among them and have a genuine sympathy with them.

"Love to all who inquire about me. I shall pray daily for the General Conference. Your brother, WM. TAYLOR."

Reply thereto.

On motion of R. H. Gilbert, the Secretary was instructed to print the letter in the Journal, and to send a suitable reply on behalf of the General Conference.

T. F. Parker introduced the following, which was, on motion of F. A. Arter, referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Northern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, That the delegates of the Central New York, Genesee, Wyoming, and Northern New York Conferences be appointed a Committee on the *Northern Christian Advocate;* that all memorials and resolutions and that part of the report of the Publishing Agents relating to that paper be referred to said committee, and that Bennett E. Titus act as chairman until the committee shall meet and organize.

The following, introduced by J. O. Cunningham, was referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Homes for the helpless.

Whereas, "The poor ye always have with you," in the form of needy and dependent children, the helpless and infirm, the aged, or the sick and weary; and,

Whereas, Our divine Master, in his teachings and by imperative command, made it the duty of his followers to visit and care for these needy ones; and,

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church is without organized effort looking to the care of these needy classes; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Temporal Economy be instructed to report to this General Conference some plan, wise in detail and

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broad in its scope, which shall look to future organized effort on the part of the Church for the establishment of systems of children's homes, homes for the aged and destitute, and hospitals for the sick, from such gifts, contributions, and bequests as such efforts may invite and call forth—such institutions to be under the patronage and care of the Church.

The following, introduced by W. H. Wilder, was referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Missionary episcopacy.

Whereas, The missionary episcopacy arose out of an emergency which has long since passed away; and,

Whereas, It is now abnormal, incongruous, and inadequate to meet the present and growing demands for General Superintendence in foreign fields and among divers peoples; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the third Restrictive Rule should be amended by striking out the words "may appoint a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our Foreign Missions," and by inserting these words, "may assign a Bishop or Bishops to a special Superintendency among the peoples of other languages or other races in the United States and in foreign countries," so that the rule will read:

"The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, nor destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency; but may assign a Bishop or Bishops to a special Superintendency among peoples of other languages or other races in the United States and in foreign countries, limiting their Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively."

2. That the Bishops be instructed to submit the proposition to so amend the third Restrictive Rule to the several Annual Conferences during the years 1900 and 1901.

G. R. Frenger moved the adoption of the following, which, on motion of E. D. Whitlock, was referred to the Committee on Missions:

Church property.

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee be requested to consider the propriety of omitting valuation of church property in fixing the basis of apportionments.

J. P. Maveety presented the following:

Distribution of resolutions, etc.

Resolved, That the chairmen of the several standing committees be a Committee on Distribution, and whenever it is found that petitions, resolutions, or propositions relating to the same subject are sent to different committees this Committee on Distribution shall redistribute them in such manner as that the same subject shall be considered by not more than one committee, unless otherwise ordered by the General Conference.

J. M. King moved as a substitute that whenever papers have been referred to the wrong standing committee, said papers are to be returned to this body to be disposed of by it. The substitute was accepted and adopted.

J. J. Bentley introduced the following, which was referred, on motion of W. F. Corkran, to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Number of *Advocates*.

Resolved, That the Committee on Book Concern be and are hereby instructed to consider and report to this body on the feasibility of reducing the number of *Advocates* to be published by the Book Concern during the next four years.

G. W. Isham introduced the following, which, on mo-

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tion of M. M. Callen, was laid on the table by a vote of 295 for and 243 against.

Committees.

Resolved, That all standing and special committees are hereby instructed to report to the Conference in some form upon all memorials, resolutions, and appeals regularly submitted to them.

St. Louis Depository.

S. O. Benton, as Secretary of the Book Committee, presented certain papers from that Committee, relating to a proposition to transfer the Depository and *Central Christian Advocate* from St. Louis to Kansas City, which were referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

The following was introduced by J. M. Buckley:

Controversial articles.

Resolved, That the editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate* be instructed to decline controversial articles upon pending questions under discussion in the General Conference.

After extended debate, on motion of A. E. P. Albert, the previous question was ordered.

E. D. Whitlock moved to lay the resolution on the table, which motion was lost by a vote of 279 for and 323 against.

The resolution was adopted.

The following was, on motion of F. M. Bristol, adopted:

Correcting speeches.

Resolved, That the managers of the *Daily Advocate* be instructed to refuse all corrections of speeches by members of this General Conference which add to or detract from their original substance or meaning.

The following, introduced by M. N. Johnson, was laid on the table:

Communion cups.

Resolved, That we approve of the use in our churches of individual communion cups.

The following, introduced by W. D. Parr, was adopted:

Twentieth Century Movement.

Whereas, The Twentieth Century Movement is now well before the Church; and,

Whereas, The movement has received the hearty indorsement and cooperation of the people; and,

Whereas, There is great need, because of the character and magnitude of the purpose of the movement, that this General Conference should give its unqualified indorsement and support; therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the Bishops to appoint a committee of one from each General Conference District, and one at large, to whom shall be referred all matters pertaining to this subject; and,

Resolved, That we request the committee to report to this body, at the earliest moment consistent with a full and careful consideration, the result of their deliberations.

Ritual.

Robert Forbes moved that the Publishing Agents be instructed to publish in the future editions of the Hymnal the entire ritual, including the form for the conse-

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cration of deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Robert Forbes also moved the following:

Church Record.

Resolved, That the Publishing Agents be, and they are hereby, instructed to publish a Church Record, which shall have suitable provision for keeping the record of baptized children, as contemplated in paragraph 45 of the Discipline; also suitable blanks be prepared for the transfer of such children from one charge to another.

J. D. Hammond moved the previous question, which was carried, and the resolution was adopted.

The motion of J. H. Coleman to extend the time was lost.

W. H. Jordan excused.

On motion of P. H. Swift, leave of absence was granted to W. H. Jordan to go to the bedside of his dying father.

Reports of Missionary Bishops.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the reading of the reports of the Missionary Bishops was made the Order of the Day for Thursday after recess.

Evening session.

S. O. Benton moved that when we adjourn it be to convene at Studebaker Hall this evening at 8 o'clock for the reception of fraternal delegates. Carried.

Announcements were made and the Doxology sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hurst.

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MONDAY EVENING, MAY 7.

Bishop Andrews presiding.

The Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, in Studebaker Hall at 8 P. M. Bishop E. G. Andrews occupied the chair.

M. S. Hard, of the Wyoming Conference, conducted the devotional services.

Dr. J. W. Hunter addressed the Conference.

C. W. Millard presented to the Secretary the credentials of the Rev. J. W. Hunter, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canada, and introduced him in well-chosen words to the Bishop, who presented him to the Conference. In a most eloquent address he tendered the greetings of his Church.

Dr. E. E. Hoss addressed the Conference.

R. J. Cooke presented the credentials of the Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Secretary, and after presenting him to the Bishop, he was introduced to the Conference, and in a most interesting address conveyed the best wishes of his Church.

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Both addresses were heartily given and most cordially received.

On motion of D. S. Monroe, the Conference adjourned. Adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Thomas Allen, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

H. L. Jacobs presented the following:

Resolved, That paragraph 101 be amended by inserting between questions 6 and 7 the following question: "Are any Certificates to be granted?" so that the questions will read: Certificates.

"6. Are there any Probationers to be recommended for admission into Full Membership? 7. Are any Certificates to be granted? 8. Are there any to be recommended for License to exhort or preach?" etc.

Also the following:

Resolved, That paragraph 49 be amended by the addition of the following section, immediately before section 9 and after section 8: "A Certificate of Membership shall not be given without the recommendation of the Leaders and Stewards." ¶ 49.

Resolved, That section 1, paragraph 49, be amended by inserting after the word "Elder," on fifth line, the words "attested by the Recording Steward, upon recommendation of the Leaders and Stewards," so as to read: "An acceptable Member of the Church desiring to remove his membership from one Pastoral Charge to another is entitled to a Certificate from the Pastor, or, if there is no Pastor, from the Presiding Elder, attested by the Recording Steward, upon recommendation of the Leaders and Stewards, in the following form:

"'This certifies that A. B., the bearer, is an acceptable Member of ..... Methodist Episcopal Church in ....., and is affectionately commended to the fellowship of the ..... Methodist Episcopal Church in ....., or in any other place where he may take up his residence. When admitted to another Church his relation to this Church will cease.'"

A footnote shall be subjoined to the certificate as follows:

"NOTE.—This is not a letter of dismissal, and does not terminate the connection of the Member with the Church which gives it."

Resolved, That section 2, paragraph 49, be amended by striking out the words "this Church," on second line of second paragraph, and inserting the words "the ..... Methodist Episcopal Church, in ....." and by inserting between "Pastor" and "and," on third line, same paragraph, the words, "dated ....., 19.." so as to read:

"When a Pastor shall have received a Member on said Certificate, he shall notify the Pastor of the Church from which it was issued in the following form:

"'You are hereby notified that A. B. has been duly enrolled as a Member of the ..... Methodist Episcopal Church, in ....., upon a Certificate issued from the Church of which you are Pastor, dated ....., 19.., and signed by .....'"

Also the following:

Resolved, That paragraph 77 be amended by the addition of the following questions after question 28 and before question 29: ¶ 77.

"Who shall be Secretary for the next Conference year?"

"Who shall be Statistical Secretary for the next Conference year?"

"Who shall be the Treasurer for the next Conference year?"

Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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KENTUCKY.

R. T. Miller presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Church periodicals.

Resolved, That the Book Committee be and hereby is instructed to consider the expediency of unifying the business of producing and distributing our Church publications, and, if found expedient, that they are hereby requested to submit to the next General Conference some plan for conducting all departments of business on a more systematic, uniform, and economic basis.

MICHIGAN.

F. L. Thompson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Apostles' Creed.

Whereas, The so-called Apostles' Creed is, by General Conference action, a part of the prescribed disciplinary program of Public Worship in all our churches; and,

Whereas, Since that statement of faith was formulated, certain words therein have come to have, at least in the popular mind, a misleading meaning; and,

Whereas, The word "catholic," in particular, is peculiarly distasteful to many of our people; and,

Whereas, The proposed revision in no sense changes the meaning of that historic creed; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That for the word "catholic" we substitute the word "universal;" and,

2. That such substitution take place, not only in the program of Public Worship, but in the Baptismal Covenant as well.

NEW YORK.

J. E. Price presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

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Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be requested to consider the history and contents of paragraph 248 of the Discipline, and report whether or not said paragraph is constitutional.

NEW YORK EAST.

C. S. Wing presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Swedish work.

Whereas, It may be important, during the next quadrennium, to organize the Swedish work in the East into an Annual Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That the enabling act, paragraph 441, section 6, of the Discipline be renewed.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Robert Forbes presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Superannuated.

Whereas, There seems to be no good reason why the word noneffective should be applied to Bishops, and the word superannuated to other ministers; therefore,

Resolved, That the word "Noneffective" be stricken out of paragraph 285, and the word "Superannuated" inserted, so that the paragraph shall read: "The General Conference shall determine which of the Bishops are Effective and which Superannuated."

OKLAHOMA.

J. T. Riley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Number of Bishops.

Having fifteen active Bishops at this time, and knowing that twelve Bishops can hold every Conference on the continent in twelve weeks; and since it has been stated by some of the Bishops that they need no further help to do the legitimate work that belongs to our Superintendency; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That it is the judgment of this Conference that no Bishop should be elected for work in America.

2. It is the judgment of this Conference that one Bishop should be elected for India and one for our new possessions.

PHILADELPHIA.

George Elliott presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Bishops to retire.

Resolved, That the Committee on Episcopacy be directed to consider the advisability of fixing an age after which the Bishop shall have the right of voluntary retirement.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

ARKANSAS.

Probation.

W. C. Chynoweth presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning the period of probation. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

BALTIMORE.

¶ 248.

L. M. Bacon presented a memorial from the Laymen's Association of Baltimore concerning paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Time limit.

Summerfield Baldwin presented a memorial, signed by the president and secretary of the Laymen's Association of the Baltimore Conference, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

BLACK HILLS.

Enabling act.

E. E. Clough presented a memorial from the Black Hills Conference concerning an enabling act for Conference organization. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CALIFORNIA.

Examinations.

E. P. Dennett presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning Conference examinations. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Epworth League.

T. B. Hutchinson presented a memorial from the California Conference, signed by himself and others,

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relating to the Epworth League Constitution. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Japanese Mission.

Eli McClish, of the California Conference, presented a memorial relating to Japanese Mission Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Chapter VI.

H. C. Moyer presented a memorial from the Central New York Conference relating to the addition of a paragraph to Chapter VI of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Trials.

C. C. Wilbor presented a memorial, signed by Theron Cooper and others, relative to the trial of ministers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL OHIO.

Time limit.

E. D. Whitlock presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Reports.

P. P. Pope presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning blanks for reports. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

Probation.

Also a memorial from the Lima District Conference concerning probationers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Superannuated.

H. L. Jacobs presented a memorial, signed by J. A. De Moyer, concerning superannuated ministers.

Conference officers.

Also a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the election of officers of the Annual Conference.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Also a memorial, signed by Mrs. A. W. Black and forty other ladies, concerning the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL SWEDISH.

¶ 248.

Albert Ericson presented a memorial from the Epworth League Convention of the Central Swedish Conference relative to paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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CHICAGO GERMAN.

Jacob Berger presented a memorial, signed by himself and thirteen others, concerning change of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 248.

CINCINNATI.

J. W. Bashford presented a memorial from the Cincinnati Conference concerning the Charles Wesley Brotherhood. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Wesley Brotherhood.

COLUMBIA RIVER.

W. H. Marvin presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

DELAWARE.

J. H. Scott presented a memorial from the Delaware Conference asking an enabling act for that Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Enabling act.

H. S. Wilson presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

DES MOINES.

T. McK. Stewart presented a memorial concerning annual church meetings and election of stewards and trustees. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Church meetings.

EAST OHIO.

G. B. Smith presented a memorial from the Jesse Hurlbut Chapter Epworth League, signed by Henry Miller and others, asking that there be no change in paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 248.

L. H. Stewart presented a report of a joint commission of the East Ohio and North Ohio Conferences concerning the transfer of Newcomerstown Charge from the North Ohio to the East Ohio Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Newcomerstown.

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ERIE.

Conference claimants.

W. P. Graham presented a memorial from the Erie Conference concerning Conference claimants. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

A. R. Rich presented a memorial, signed by R. S. Borland and two others, concerning the better support of Conference claimants. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Class leaders.

R. C. Smith presented a memorial, signed by J. W. Wakefield, concerning the appointment of class leaders. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Benevolences.

Also one similarly signed, concerning the Benevolent collections and support of pastors. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Boundaries.

Also one from the Clarion District concerning Conference boundary. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

IOWA.

Boundaries.

Christopher Haw presented a memorial, signed by G. M. Tuttle and others, concerning a Conference boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Church Hymnal.

D. H. Payne presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the Church Hymnal. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MICHIGAN.

Amusements.

Louis De Lamarter presented a memorial from the Grand Rapids District Conference, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Districting Bishops.

Also a memorial concerning the fixing of the term and districting of the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Epworth League.

Also a memorial concerning the abolishing of the General Secretary of the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Church papers.

Also concerning the consolidation of Church papers. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

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Also a memorial from the Grand Rapids District, concerning the condition of Benevolences. Referred to Joint Committee on Consolidation. Benevolences.

P. J. Maveety presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the election of stewards and trustees. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Stewards and trustees.

Fayette L. Thompson offered a memorial, signed by W. M. Puffer and nine others, concerning the election of presiding elders and the enlargement of their duties. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Presiding elders.

MINNESOTA.

John Stafford presented a memorial from the Mankato District, signed by W. N. Jamieson, secretary, relating to the course of study for traveling preachers. Course of study.

Also from the same referring to transfer of preachers. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Transfers.

NEBRASKA.

W. B. Alexander offered a memorial, signed by B. L. Paine, concerning reporting statistics of the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Epworth League.

P. C. Johnson presented a memorial concerning amending the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Discipline.

J. H. Mickey presented a memorial from the Nebraska Conference relating to locating bookstores with official boards. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Bookstores.

NEWARK.

Oscar Jeffery presented a memorial from the Newark Conference requesting the General Conference to request Congress to enact a law relating to the morals of young men who enlist in the army. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Army morals.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

S. O. Benton presented a memorial from a special committee concerning the transfer of the St. Louis Book St. Louis depository.

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Depository. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Deaconess work.

A. J. Coultas presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NEW YORK.

Boundaries.

C. W. Millard presented a memorial, signed by Wilber F. Brush, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Time limit.

Also a memorial, signed by Wilber F. Brush, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Ratio.

Also a memorial, signed by Wilber F. Brush, concerning reduction of members in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Itinerancy.

J. E. Price presented a memorial, signed by Curtis Fraleigh, concerning the itinerancy. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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Also a memorial, signed by Curtis Fraleigh, concerning change in paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEW YORK EAST.

Examiners.

G. P. Mains presented a memorial from the New York East Conference concerning boards of examiners. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

NORTH CHINA.

Peking property.

H. H. Lowry presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning instruction to the Missionary Society to provide for debt on property in Peking. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Epworth League.

A. S. Elford presented a memorial from the North Dakota State Epworth League, signed by A. T. Foster and two others, concerning the publication of Epworth League statistics. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTH INDIANA.

H. N. Herrick presented a memorial from the North Indiana Conference relating to statistics. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Statistics.

C. U. Wade presented a memorial from the North Indiana Conference, signed by A. W. Lamport and twenty-one others, concerning the confirmation of professors in theological seminaries. Referred to the Committee on Education. Theological professors.

NORTH OHIO.

William Kepler presented a memorial from North Ohio Conference, signed by himself, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

J. F. Force presented a memorial from the Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Meeting, signed by Charles B. Mitchell and two others, concerning the election of local church officers. Church officers.

Also one from the same body, similarly signed, concerning the reception of members. Both referred to the Committee on Revisals. Members.

Also one from the same body, similarly signed, concerning proscribed amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

Also a memorial from the same body, signed by same persons, concerning removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also one from the same concerning the number of General Conference officers to be elected. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. General Conference officers.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

C. C. Townsend offered a memorial, signed by David F. Pence, William D. Marsh, A. D. Webster, and himself, concerning the nullification of the Anti-Canteen Law. Referred to the Committee on Temperance. Anti-Canteen.

A. D. Webster offered a memorial, signed by S. O. Barnes and others, concerning the solemnization of matrimony by unordained ministers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Marriage.

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NORWEGIAN AND DANISH.

Den Christelige Talsmand. N. E. Simonsen presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning *Den Christelige Talsmand.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Enabling act. Also one, signed by himself, concerning an enabling act. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

OHIO.

Hymnal. W. A. Wayland presented a memorial concerning the Hymnal. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

PHILADELPHIA.

Deaconess work. John Field presented a memorial, signed by Edwin C. Griffiths, concerning the Board of Control of Deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Temperance. F. B. Lynch presented a memorial, signed by the secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, concerning temperance instruction. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Local preachers. W. L. McDowell presented a memorial, signed by himself and J. R. T. Gray, relative to local preachers in charge. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PITTSBURG.

Woman's Home Missionary Society. Hudson Samson presented a memorial from the Pittsburg Conference, signed by Mrs. C. W. Smith and others, relating to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

PUGET SOUND.

North Pacific German Mission Conference. Wilmot Whitfield presented a memorial from the Puget Sound Conference, signed by S. S. Sulliger and others, relative to North Pacific German Mission Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

ROCK RIVER.

Quarterly Conferences. P. H. Swift presented a memorial, signed by J. W. Richards, Secretary of the Rock River Conference, concerning changes in the composition of the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning the retention of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. ¶ 248.

Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning the duties of church officers. Church officers.

Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning General Conference officials. General Conference officials.

Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning secretaries of societies. Secretaries.

Also a memorial, signed by the same, concerning amusements. ¶ 248.

All referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

SOUTH INDIA.

W. L. King presented a memorial from the Central Conference of India, concerning the episcopacy. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopacy.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

C. L. Davidson presented a memorial from the Southwest Kansas Conference, signed by himself and three others, concerning publications. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Publications.

G. W. Howes presented a memorial from the Southwest Kansas Conference concerning the St. Louis Depository. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. St. Louis Depository.

SWEDEN.

Gustaf Wagnsson presented a memorial, signed by the secretary of the Sweden Conference, concerning episcopal residence. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopal residence.

Also a memorial concerning Finland and St. Petersburg Mission. Referred to the Committee on Missions. Finland Mission.

UPPER IOWA.

J. B. Albrook presented a memorial, signed by himself and six others, concerning control of deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

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Supernumerary.

J. C. Magee presented a memorial from the Upper Iowa Conference relating to limiting the term of supernumerary relation. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

VERMONT.

Bishops.

W. S. Smithers presented a memorial from the Montpelier District Conference concerning the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

WESTERN SWEDISH.

Boundary.

A memorial was presented from the Western Swedish Conference concerning its boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

WYOMING.

Time limit.

W. H. Pearce presented a memorial from the Wyoming Conference, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Bishop Ninde presiding.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop William X. Ninde called the Conference to order.

J. H. Potts, of the Michigan Conference, conducted devotional services.

The Minutes of both the morning and evening sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Absentees called.

The rules having been suspended, on motion of W. L. Woodcock, the Secretary was directed to call the list of absentees, which he immediately did, and the following responded:

BALTIMORE.—David P. Miller, Summerfield Baldwin, Alexander Ashley.

CALIFORNIA.—Thomas B. Hutchinson, Chauncey H. Dunn, James A. Johnson.

CENTRAL GERMAN.—Gottlieb Golder.

CENTRAL OHIO.—John W. Zellers, Edwin P. Breckinridge, Robert Colton.

DES MOINES.—George S. Allyn.

DETROIT.—George L. Adams, Aaron T. Bliss.

EAST OHIO.—Robert J. Boyce, James A. White.

ERIE.—Henry Sims, Miner B. Dunham.

GENESEE.—Joseph W. Powell, Edwin C. English, Albert C. Aldridge.

IOWA.—John Moler.

KANSAS.—Don C. Newcomb, Lewis A. Palmer.

LOUISIANA.—Reno C. Metoyer, Charles C. Morse, Frank B. Smith.

MICHIGAN.—Samuel Dickie, Henry A. Potter, Elmore S. Pettyjohn, John C. Holden, Samuel Johnson.

MINNESOTA.—Danforth J. Whiting, William H. H. Johnson.

MISSOURI.—J. Wesley Poland.

NEBRASKA.—Louis S. Fiegenbaum.

NEWARK.—James L. Hays.

NEW ENGLAND.—Charles C. Bragdon.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Frank P. Kellom.

NEW YORK.—Wesley D. Hale, Charles P. McClellan, G. Fred Pitts, Abraham D. Lent.

NEW YORK EAST.—William B. Howard, Robert Lauder.

NORTH INDIANA.—Thomas A. Doan.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.—James P. Lewis, Franklin B. Beers.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.—Mitchell M. Murphy.

NORTHWEST IOWA.—Samuel Parker, Edward Fair.

OHIO.—Charles W. Seward.

OKLAHOMA.—Alfred H. Boles.

PITTSBURG.—Albert Gaddis.

SAINT LOUIS.—Reginald H. Rose.

SAINT LOUIS GERMAN.—Friedrich Kettlekamp.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.—John M. Mitchell, Presley M. Johnson.

TROY.—Edward H. Strang, Alfred Guibord, Benjamin H. Ripton.

WEST VIRGINIA.—William B. Matthews, Asbury J. Clark.

WILMINGTON.—George A. Cox.

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On motion of William Koeneke, the rules were suspended. Report No. I on the State of the Church was read.

State of the Church Report No. I.

A motion of E. D. Whitlock to consider the report, item by item, was lost. F. B. Lynch moved to so amend the report that it shall read that the Conference adjourn "on or before May 29." It was laid on the table, and the report was adopted. (See Reports, p. 433.)

The motion of F. M. Bristol to suspend the rules was lost.

The following resolution, presented by P. H. Swift, was adopted:

Pulpit supply.

Resolved, 1. That the Pulpit Supply Committee be requested to publish in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, not later than Friday of each week, a list of the churches whose pulpits are to be filled on the following Sabbath by delegates and visitors to this General Conference, together with directions for reaching the same.

2. That all pastors who shall make independent arrangements for the supply of their pulpits are respectfully requested to report to the Committee on Pulpit Supply not later than Thursday noon of each week.

Paper.

On motion of J. M. King, a certain paper returned from the Committee on Temporal Economy was referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Rules of Order.

The rules were suspended, and on motion of George Elliott, the following clause, as given in the Rules of Order No. 30, as printed in the Discipline, namely, "It shall report the fact to the Conference, and the Conference shall direct which committee," shall be inserted in proper place in the Rules of Order printed in the Handbook, was adopted.

W. J. Welsh moved the adoption of the following, and it was adopted:

Return of papers.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and is hereby authorized and directed to receive papers returned by committees as not coming within the limit of the subject-matter committed to them; that where it is clear to which committee the paper should go, the Secretary send the paper to the proper committee; where there is doubt, the Secretary shall call the attention of the General Conference to the matter and receive its instructions.

D. D. Thompson introduced the following, which, on motion of J. C. Arbuckle, was referred to the Committee on Temperance:

Temperance in Sunday schools.

Whereas, The hope of genuine temperance reform, such reform as will secure the enactment of just laws and assure the enforcement of them, largely inheres in the youth of to-day; and,

Whereas, But comparatively little is being done of a definite and specific sort of work looking to the systematic and thorough instruction of our children in this important matter; therefore, MAY 8. SIXTH DAY. *Morning.*

Resolved, That we earnestly petition this General Conference for the passage of a rule—to be appropriately designated and placed in the Discipline in 1900—making it obligatory upon all pastors and Sunday school superintendents to observe at least one Sunday each year as Temperance Day, on which day such sermons shall be preached, such addresses be delivered, or such programs be rendered as shall ultimate in the dissemination of knowledge, the creation and cultivation of a right sentiment, and make effective the circulation of a pledge among all our young people contemplating their alliance under the banner of temperance whose motto is, Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the State.

The Order of the Day, the report of the Commission on the Organic Law, was taken up. Organic Law.

Bishop H. W. Warren made a statement of the work done by the Commission appointed at the last General Conference on the Organic Law of the Church.

The report of the Commission was read by the Secretary of the Conference.

On motion of R. H. Gilbert, the time was extended so as to finish the reading of the report before recess.

Recess was now taken.

The consideration of the report of the Commission was resumed.

T. B. Neely moved to take up paragraph 1, Division I, relating to the definition.

C. W. Smith moved as a substitute to take up Division II, Part I. The substitute was accepted and adopted.

On motion of C. W. Smith, who had charge of the report, it was considered item by item, and Division II, Part I, was taken up.

Article I was read and adopted. Article I.

Article II was read and adopted. Article II.

Article III was read. Article III.

J. M. Buckley moved that this particular article be referred to a committee of seven.

A. B. Leonard moved, as a substitute, that the Annual Conferences shall be composed of equal numbers of traveling preachers and laymen, who shall be required to attend its sessions. The substitute was, on motion of R. J. Cooke, laid on the table.

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The previous question was ordered; the amendment of J. M. Buckley was lost, and Article III was adopted.

Committee on Deaconess Work.

Bishop Andrews read the nominations of the Committee on Deaconess Work. (See Committees, p. 413.)

The motion of L. M. Shaw to reconsider the adoption of Article III was lost.

Organic Law, Part II, Article I.

Part II was taken up.

Article I was, on motion, adopted.

Article II, Section 1.

Article II, Section 1, was read. J. W. Van Cleve moved to amend by striking out 45 and inserting 90. M. S. Hard moved to amend the amendment by substituting 60 for 90. H. L. Jacobs moved, as a substitute for the amendments, the insertion of 75 in place of 90.

On motion of W. L. McDowell, the amendments and substitute were laid on the table, and Article II, Section 1, was adopted.

Article II, Section 2.

Article II, Section 2, was read.

T. B. Neely moved to insert, "after having been members of an Annual Conference four years."

H. C. McDermott moved an amendment so that it read, "after having been members of an Annual Conference for four successive years," which was accepted by T. B. Neely.

J. W. Van Cleve moved to amend the amendment so as to read, "four successive years, immediately preceding his election." This was, on motion, laid on the table.

Article II, Section 2, adopted.

The motion of Robert Forbes to lay the amendment on the table was lost. The previous question was ordered, on motion of J. M. King, and Article II, Section 2, as amended, was adopted.

Section 3 was read and adopted.

The motion of J. B. Albrook to extend the time was lost.

Order of Day to-morrow.

On motion of T. B. Neely, the further discussion of this subject was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Samuel Shaw.

The Secretary nominated Samuel Shaw, of the Philadelphia Conference, as an Assistant Secretary in the place of Christian Neumiller, who had declined.

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On motion of J. M. King, certain papers on the election of trustees and on the superannuated fund were referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Trustees and superannuates.

After the announcements the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Ninde.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

CALIFORNIA.

T. B. Hutchinson presented the following:

Church certificates.

Whereas, The Discipline, paragraph 49, section 4, provides that "during the time in which a Member shall hold a Certificate his membership shall be in the Church which issued said Certificate;" and,

Whereas, The second part of the form for the Quarterly Report of the Preacher in Charge, as provided in paragraph 193, section 26, is intended to state the "Changes in Membership;" and,

Whereas, The expression "Granted Certificates," in the third tem of the said second part of the form in paragraph 193, section 26, does not necessarily indicate a change in membership; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 193, section 26, be so amended as that the third item in the second part of the form for the Quarterly Report of the Preacher in Charge shall read, "3. Removed by Certificate."

Also the following:

Whereas, The Discipline, paragraph 102, provides that the Official Board may discharge the duties of the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting; and,

Whereas, The duties of the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, as prescribed in paragraph 101, include the recommending of probationers for admission into full membership; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 42, section 1, be so changed as to read:

Probationers.

"Let no one be admitted into Full Membership in the Church until he shall have been at least six months on Probation, shall have been recommended by the Leaders and Stewards' Meeting, or by the Official Board, or, where neither of these meetings is held, by his Leader, shall have been baptized, and, on examination by the Pastor before the Church, shall have given satisfactory assurances both of the correctness of his faith and of his willingness to observe and keep the rules of the Church. ¶ 444."

Both were referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

H. T. Ames presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic:

Canteen.

Whereas, William McKinley, President of the United States, did on the 2d day of March, 1899, approve an Act of Congress, the 17th section of which reads as follows, to wit: "That no officer or private soldier shall be detailed to sell intoxicating drinks as a bartender or otherwise in any post exchange or canteen, nor shall any other person be required or allowed to sell such liquors in any encampment or fort, or on any premises used for military purposes by the United States; and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to issue such general order as may be necessary to carry the provisions of this section into full force and effect;" and,

Whereas, William McKinley, President of the United States, has neglected, refused, or declined, by reason of the opinion of a subordinate officer of the government of his own appointment, to issue the necessary order to carry into effect the public sentiment of the nation as

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crystallized into law by this Act of Congress aforesaid; and the army canteen still continues to exist and do its deadly work in our encampments, forts, and other premises used for military purposes; and the evils resulting therefrom still abound and are manifest, notwithstanding it is made the duty of the President of the United States by the Constitution to execute and enforce all the laws enacted by Congress; and,

Whereas, William McKinley, as President of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy under the Constitution, is vested thereby with the necessary power through which he could by an official order abolish the army canteen from all our military encampments, forts, or any other premises used for military purposes by the United States; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, the representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in General Conference assembled, protest against the neglect or refusal of William McKinley, the President of the United States, to enforce, according to the plain intent and meaning, the provisions of the 17th section of the Act of Congress, approved March 2, 1899, commonly called the Post Exchange Law, upon the opinion of his Attorney-general without any decision of a court of last resort sustaining that opinion, as destructive of law, social order, and good government, and, so far as we know, without parallel in our history.

2. That we charge President McKinley with the responsibility of "the inexcusable miscarriage of the Anti-Canteen Law," and his failure to enforce the same, and for his neglect or refusal, as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, to abolish the canteen from the military arm of our service, and thus protect the patriotic young manhood of our country from the physical wreck and moral ruin consequent upon the continuance of the canteen.

3. That we voice our warm approbation of the courageous and intelligently patriotic act of John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, in abolishing the canteen from our naval stations and ships of war.

4. That the Secretary of this Conference be and is hereby instructed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to President McKinley and Hon. John D. Long.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

R. F. Raymond presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Time limit. *Resolved*, That this General Conference should abolish the time limit.

NEW YORK EAST.

C. S. Wing presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League:

Epworth League. *Resolved*, That in view of the perfect organization of the Epworth League throughout the Connection, we recommend the discontinuance of the office of General Secretary.

OKLAHOMA.

A. H. Boles presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Apostles' Creed. *Resolved*, That the following shall be stricken out of the Apostles' Creed, namely, "the holy catholic Church," and there shall be inserted therein the following, namely, "the Universal Church."

J. T. Riley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Bishops. *Resolved*, 1. It is the judgment of this Conference that our Bishops should engage in no other work than that which belongs legitimately to the General Superintendency in our Church. The Bishops engaged

in any other work are hereby requested to withdraw from the one or the other.

2. That a Bishop, when no longer able to do the work of a General Superintendent, be superannuated, and that he go back to the Conference of which he was a member when elected General Superintendent, and share alike with his brethren the help given to superannuated preachers of his Conference.

SOUTH AMERICA.

J. F. Thompson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Baptismal regeneration.

Whereas, The following words of our Lord, "Except a man be born of water," etc. (John iii, 5), have no reference to Christian baptism, which had not yet been instituted when the utterance was made; and,

Whereas, The belief and teaching of our Church are averse to this doctrine of baptismal regeneration; and,

Whereas, The presence of these words in our Ritual for Baptism places our Church and membership in a false and indefensible position when laboring among Romanists; therefore, be it

Resolved, That where they now occur in the Ritual for the baptism of infants, they be omitted, and that in place of John iii, 1–8, as a Scripture lesson in the Ritual for the baptism of adults, the 41st and 42d verses of Acts ii be substituted, which read as follows: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

SOUTH KANSAS.

Hugh McBirney presented the following:

Licensing women.

Whereas, By the clearer light thrown upon woman's work from the word of God, history, and observation; and,

Whereas, Woman is taking her place by the side of her brother man in all the work of life; and,

Whereas, She is doing noble work in Foreign and Home Missions, in hospital and deaconess movements; and,

Whereas, Her call of God to bring the Gospel to the needy is evidenced by grace, fruits, and gifts;

Resolved, That we will license those whom God has thus called, and send them forth bearing authority from the Church.

Also the following:

Ladies' Aid Societies.

Whereas, Ladies' Aid Societies, and societies doing similar work under other names, are of great usefulness to the Church; and,

Whereas, They are now unofficial and without authority,

Resolved, 1. That the president of such societies be approved by the Quarterly Conference and elected to membership therein, at the option of the Quarterly Conference.

2. That the president of such society make an annual report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference.

Also the following:

Ritual.

Whereas, Our Book of Discipline contains sufficient ritual so that all ordinations, consecrations, funeral and marriage ceremonies, the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, reception of members, church and college dedications, and the order of public worship may be conducted decently and in order;

Resolved, 1. That we discourage the introduction into any of our services of any other form or ritual but those authorized in our Discipline.

2. That this resolution be printed in our Discipline as a heading to Chapter I, paragraph 442.

Which resolutions were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

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Also the following:

Whereas, District Conferences are now optional; and,

Whereas, They have been long enough on trial to show their utility; and,

District Conferences.

Whereas, To make them obligatory would make them more influential and authoritative;

Resolved, That paragraph 95 of our Discipline shall be so changed as to read, "District Conferences shall be held at least once a year in all our districts."

Also the following:

Time limit.

Whereas, The time limit is a human arrangement, and is not essential to the prosperity of the Church; and,

Whereas, The striking of the clock is no sufficient reason for the removal of God's ambassador from a sphere of duty; and,

Whereas, Divine superintendence is eliminated thereby;

Resolved, That the appointments of one year be renewed as long as necessary for the good of the Church and the glory of God.

These resolutions were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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J. B. Albrook presented the following:

Epworth League Secretary.

Resolved, That we recommend that article 5 of the Constitution of the Epworth League, paragraph 339 of the Book of Discipline, be amended by striking out of line 10 of said article of paragraph aforesaid the words "The Board of Control," and by inserting in their place the words "The General Conference," so that it shall read when so amended: "The General Secretary shall be elected by the General Conference, and shall be the executive officer of the League."

Also the following:

Board of Control.

Resolved, That we recommend that article 5 of the Constitution of the Epworth League, paragraph 339 of the Book of Discipline, be amended by striking out of lines 21 and 22 the words "and the Cabinet shall act for the Board of Control *ad interim*," and by inserting in lieu thereof the words "and the Cabinet shall act as the Executive Committee of the Board of Control," so that the sentence shall read: "The duties of the General Secretary and the Editor of the *Epworth Herald* shall be performed under the direction of the Board of Control; and the Cabinet shall act as the Executive Committee of the Board of Control."

Both were referred to the Committee on the Epworth League.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Supernumeraries.

Whereas, The relation of supernumerary minister was designed for the relief of those who are *temporarily unable to perform full work;* and,

Whereas, It is now largely used as a cover for secularity, many occupying the relation for a score or more of years; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 194 of the Discipline be amended by adding at the close of the paragraph the sentence: "This relation shall not be granted for more than three years in succession."

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

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CALIFORNIA.

G. H. Bennett presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the presiding eldership. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Presiding elders.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

E. M. Mills offered a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the Board of Control of the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Epworth League.

H. C. Moyer presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning appeals of members. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Appeals.

CHICAGO GERMAN.

Jacob Berger presented a memorial from the Oshkosh District concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

Also a memorial, signed by thirty-five persons, concerning representation. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Representation.

CINCINNATI.

J. W. Bashford presented a memorial concerning temperance. Referred to the Committee on Temperance. Temperance.

FOOCHOW.

J. H. Worley presented a memorial, signed by all the members of the parent Society, on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, concerning an enabling act with reference to division of the Central China Mission. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Enabling act.

GENESEE.

P. S. Merrill offered a memorial, signed by L. F. Congdon, J. M. Duncan, and all clerical and lay delegates from the Genesee Conference, concerning supervision of our schools. Referred to the Committee on Education. Schools.

HOLSTON.

R. J. Cooke offered a memorial, signed by I. A. Ruble and three others, concerning the maintenance of the *Methodist Advocate-Journal.*

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Methodist Advocate-Journal. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

INDIANA.

Trustees. C. E. Bacon presented a memorial, signed by E. B. Rawls and eight others, concerning church trustees. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Location. T. H. Willis presented a memorial from Emmanuel Church, Bradford Circuit, Louisville District, concerning location. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ILLINOIS.

Sunday school teachers. H. M. Hamill presented a memorial, signed by H. C. Gibbs and others, concerning the better training of our Sunday school teachers. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts.

JAPAN.

Theological schools. Masayoshi Takaki presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning the theological schools in Japan. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

MISSOURI.

Evangelists. E. B. Lytle offered a memorial, signed by J. O. Taylor and others, concerning the employment of an evangelist by a pastor. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEWARK.

Christian Advocate. Daniel Halleron offered a memorial, signed by himself, concerning a reduction of the price of *The Christian Advocate* to two dollars. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Electoral Conference. H. K. Carroll presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning the Lay Electoral Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEW ENGLAND.

¶ 248. James Mudge presented a memorial, signed by G. A. Pergram and eighty-eight others, concerning worldly amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Epworth League. W. F. Warren presented a memorial from the College Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, signed

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by himself and one other, concerning Epworth League work. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. Grade.

Also a memorial on behalf of the same, and signed by the same, concerning changing the grade of institutions of learning. Referred to the Committee on Education.

NEW YORK EAST.

Joseph Pullman presented a memorial, signed by C. S. Wing, concerning probationers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Probationers.

NORTH CHINA.

H. H. Lowry offered a memorial, signed by A. M. Brooks and G. Heber Jones, of the Korea Mission, concerning an episcopal residence at Shanghai. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopal residence.

NORTH GERMAN.

E. J. Funk presented a memorial, signed by himself and ten others, concerning the administration of the Lord's Supper to individuals in cases of sickness. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Lord's Supper.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

C. C. Townsend presented a memorial from the Northern New York Conference, signed by the secretary of the Conference, relative to publishing the *Northern Christian Advocate*. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. *Northern Christian Advocate.*

D. F. Pierce presented a memorial, signed by L. H. Pearce, concerning the organization of new societies Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. New societies.

NORTHWEST INDIANA.

J. H. Cissel presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit

Also a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

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OHIO.

General Conference expenses.

J. W. King offered a memorial, signed by himself, from the Ministerial Association of the Columbus District, of the Ohio Conference, concerning a method providing against any deficiency in money for General Conference expenses. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

OKLAHOMA.

Boundaries.

J. T. Riley presented a memorial from the Oklahoma Conference concerning Conference boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

PITTSBURG.

Church records.

C. W. Smith presented a memorial, signed by J. T. Steffy and one other, concerning the auditing of Church records. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

¶ 248.

T. S. Marshall presented a protest from the Vandalia District Conference, signed by J. W. Flint and one other, against the revision of paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

St. Louis Depository.

Also one from the same, similarly signed, concerning the removal of the Book Depository and *Central Christian Advocate* from St. Louis, Mo. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

TROY.

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

G. E. Stockwell presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. E. W. Simpson and fourteen others, concerning the Woman's Home Missionary Society and deaconesses.

Deaconess work.

Also a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, signed by various district presidents, concerning the deaconess work. Both referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

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Boundaries.

J. C. W. Coxe presented a memorial, signed by W. F. Barclay and thirty others, concerning a change of boundary. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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A. E. Swisher presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Boundaries.

J. C. Magee presented a memorial, signed by himself and ten others, concerning a boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

VIRGINIA.

Boundaries.

U. S. A. Heavener presented a memorial concerning the boundaries of the Virginia Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Methodist Advocate-Journal.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and thirteen others, concerning the *Methodist Advocate-Journal.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 9.

Bishop Foss presiding.

At 8:45 A. M. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss called the Conference to order.

J. R. T. Gray, of the Philadelphia Conference, conducted the devotional services.

The Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

Announcements.

Under suspension of the Rules of Order, and on motion of E. D. Whitlock, the Committee of Arrangements was given permission to make its announcements each day before recess.

John Handley moved the following resolution:

Consolidation.

Resolved, That the Committees on Missions, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education shall have the right to discuss in their meetings the advisability of consolidating these benevolences.

A. B. Leonard moved the following as a substitute:

Committees.

Whereas, There is confusion in some of the standing committees concerning their powers; therefore,

Resolved, That committees of this General Conference be and are hereby limited in their action to such matters as are referred to them by this General Conference.

On motion of P. P. Pope, the substitute was laid on the table, and on motion of R. B. Williams, the previous question was ordered, and the motion of John Handley was adopted.

The call of the roll of Conferences was resumed.

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On motion of W. H. Holmes, the following was adopted:

Index to Discipline.

Resolved, That the Bishops be and are hereby authorized to appoint a committee of one to prepare an index to the Discipline of 1900; and it shall be the duty of said committee to indicate in said index the paragraph and section number of each and every subject comprised in the Discipline.

F. A. Hardin introduced the following:

Elections.

Resolved, That in the election of General Conference officers we proceed to ballot without nomination, as in the case of Bishops.

H. T. Ames moved the following substitute:

Resolved, That nominations may be made in open Conference for all positions to be filled, except for Bishop, by sending to the Secretary's desk and having read the names of candidates, and of the persons naming such candidates, together with the name of their Conference. In an election of Bishops, a majority of two thirds shall be required to constitute an election.

On motion of Robert Watt, the substitute was laid on the table.

The following substitute was moved by M. M. Callen:

Rules for elections.

Resolved, That the Bishops be requested to appoint a special committee of seven to prepare and report rules governing the elections of this body; the same to be reported to the Conference not later than Saturday morning of this week.

The motion of H. A. Gobin to lay the substitute on the table was lost. On motion of F. M. Bristol, the substitute was accepted by a vote of 323 to 217, and then adopted.

C. A. Goss introduced the following, which was, on motion of W. F. Corkran, referred to the Special Committee of Seven on Elections:

Form of ballots.

Whereas, Much time is necessarily consumed in the General Conference elections and unnecessary confusion occasioned by the lack of a suitable form for casting ballots; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Bishops to prepare a suitable printed form naming in the usual order of their sequence as heretofore fixed, every official position to be filled by the General Conference, and sufficient blank spaces allowed below each in which the names of persons for whom the electors desire to vote may be inserted; so that the entire ballot for General Conference officers to be elected may be taken at one time and reach the tellers in a more convenient and orderly manner.

D. K. Tindall introduced the following, which was, on motion of W. S. Edwards, laid on the table:

Order of Worship.

Resolved, That we are as much as ever in favor of observing the Order of Public Worship as found in our Book of Discipline as it relates to kneeling in prayer, and recommend that our ministers and members keep the same until repealed by the proper authority.

Colored Bishops.

Under the suspension of the rules, I. G. Penn read the following petition relating to colored Bishops, which

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was, on motion of W. L. Woodcock, referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: There has been before the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for twenty years the important question of electing to the office of a Bishop a man of African descent.

The General Conference of 1880 decided by resolution to so elect, which was subsequently not done, supposedly because of the lack of men whose preeminent ability for such office was not manifest, while the General Conference of 1896 placed itself upon record as saying, "We believe the time has come when the General Conference may safely and wisely choose a Bishop from among our seventeen hundred ministers of African descent," thereby changing the position taken in 1880, which resulted in the nonelection of said Bishop, and puts the Church on record as accepting the fact that there are ministers of African descent who would now grace the bench with credit.

We would call attention to the fact that there is a pressing need for such an officer, which is emphasized, not as a demand for recognition, but as a means to the end of supplying a long-felt want in the Methodist Episcopal Church in its work among a portion of her people.

Emphasizing, as your petitioners do, the need of such an episcopal officer, we gladly pay tribute and express our kindly feeling for the Bishops who have given us their services, and would deplore any action that would operate against their continued free and full superintendency in our Southern field, yet we recognize, as they and all others familiar with the Southern situation must, that from many view points of episcopal service in this field they meet unsurmountable obstacles, because of conditions of an external character, over which the Church has no control, creating a special demand which the Bishop of African descent would supply.

While the petitioners, representing 280,000 members or nearly one tenth of our Church membership, with a following of quite a million, together with 1,750 ministers, over a quarter of a million Sunday school children, and 50,000 Epworth Leaguers, in no case wish the withdrawal of our General Superintendents from the Southern field, nor that the Bishop of African descent be assigned for episcopal service so as to create the least friction, yet we do earnestly seek to lay upon the hearts and consciences of our brothers beloved the utter hopelessness of larger growth among us unless we can, in some way, meet existing conditions in the field of our operations, which conditions would be met in the election of a Bishop of African descent against whom, in the performance of duty among us, there are no written or unwritten social laws, no race prejudice, no race churches, and no opportunity for the taunt by man or men of 280,000 loyal black Methodists who dare to stand with the people of all races in Methodism for the evangelization of the world.

Your petitioners would call attention to the fact that the constituents represented by them give larger contributions for benevolence than any like number of the same people in any Church. They also buy more Church literature. The advance in the last ten years has been conspicuously large in comparison with other decades, which must be largely attributed to the presence and work of a representative in the educational field in the first six years of the decade, and additional secretarial supervision in the last four years. We believe that with the additional episcopal supervision which is here asked, the time of the Bishop of African descent, as assignment by the bench may permit, being put into our work faithfully and zealously, our prosperity in the South will be tenfold, and in all our borders we will rapidly come to self-support, for which your petitioners are now working and praying.

In view of all that has been here stated, we earnestly petition the General Conference that one of the Bishops to be elected at this session be of African descent, feeling that the General Conference, being a law unto itself, can so act without change of Restrictive Rule, since it does not contemplate the change of the plan, and will do so when the need is made plain, which we think has been done; leaving it to the

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wise and godly judgment of the Board of Bishops to so assign him, as they do all others, to the people of the Church among whom he may be of the largest service, and with whom he would be the most acceptable.

Congratulating our Church in having been in all its history equal to every emergency, and in no case more conspicuously so, and more to the good of the Church, than in the admission of laymen into the General Conference in equal numbers with ministers, your petitioners rest their case, with hope and confidence as strong in the Church as in the days when "she sent more soldiers to the field and more nurses to the hospitals than any other," and with the further hope that the Church will not let the century close without meeting this emergency, apparent to all who are conversant with social conditions and Church relations in the South.

We are yours in the bonds of prayer and work for our Lord Jesus Christ, that the world may be saved.

E. W. Cunningham moved that the Order of the Day be postponed, and the call of the Conference roll be resumed.

Organic Law.

C. W. Smith moved as a substitute that the Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, be now taken up. The substitute prevailed by a vote of 377 to 221.

Part II, Article II, Section 4, was read and its adoption moved.

On motion of C. W. Smith, this was referred to a Special Committee of seven, to be appointed by the Bishop.

Committee on Elections.

Bishop Merrill announced the Committee of Seven on Elections. (See Committees, p. 413.)

Twentieth Century.

Also the Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. (See Committees, p. 414.)

The announcements were made and recess taken.

Bishop Mallalieu presides.

Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu took the chair, and called the Conference to order.

On motion of Charles Ott, the Order of the Day was suspended for the purpose of continuing the call of the roll of Conferences.

S. Dickie granted leave of absence.

Samuel Dickie was granted leave of absence for several days.

The call of the roll of Conferences was resumed.

On motion of E. W. Cunningham, the following was unanimously passed by a rising vote:

Flag of the nation.

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church has ever been loyal and true to the government of the United States and to its symbol, the beautiful banner of stars and stripes, for the integrity of which thousands of its communicants have freely offered their lives, and which stands for Christian civilization everywhere; and,

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Whereas, We believe that our devotion and loyalty thereto should be manifested and emphasized by this General Conference in order that along with our loyalty to the King eternal may be advanced our love of country and its institutions; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby request the Committee on Arrangements to provide and permanently display upon the platform of this place of meeting the flag of the United States.

The following was introduced by Hugh McBirney, and, on motion of J. C. Arbuckle, was referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Conference claimants.

Resolved, That we request the Bishops, at the earliest moment possible, to appoint a committee consisting of one layman and one minister from each General Conference District to formulate a plan for an organization to be known as a General Conference Claimant Society, or any other name, for the relief of our Annual Conference claimants and worn-out missionaries; and that this committee report such plan before the close of this General Conference.

Rev. Dr. Hunter and Rev. Dr. Hoss take leave.

Bishop Mallalieu introduced the Rev. William J. Hunter, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Church of Canada, who made a brief address upon his returning home, and requested the appointment of fraternal delegates to the General Conference of his Church in 1902. After his remarks the Conference sang,

My country! 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty.

He also introduced the Rev. E. E. Hoss, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who in extended remarks left his best wishes, explained the action of his Church on the Negro problem, and requested that fraternal delegates be appointed to visit the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from our Church. The Conference sang,

Blest be the tie that binds.

Bishop Cheeney introduced.

He also introduced the Rev. Charles Edward Cheeney, LL.D., Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

T. S. Fortson introduced the following, which, on motion of S. H. Whitlock, was laid on the table:

Chairman of delegations.

Resolved, That this General Conference prescribe a method of electing the chairman of the Annual Conference delegations to the General Conference, so that the method of such elections shall be uniform.

The following was moved by H. W. Key, and, on motion of E. D. Whitlock, was referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

District Conference records.

Whereas, There is no general form for District Conference records, and as we believe there ought to be on a uniform plan for keeping our District Conference records; therefore,

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Resolved, That we request the publishers of our Book Concern to prepare a book with suitable blanks for the use of District Conferences, wherein may be recorded the reports of pastors, local preachers, class leaders, exhorters, district stewards, trustees, etc.

J. H. Coleman moved the following:

Epworth League.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Epworth League shall be a Standing Committee.

J. H. Cissell moved to lay on the table, which motion failed, and the original motion was adopted.

H. H. Green introduced the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Hymnal.

Whereas, It is thought by many that the Hymnal now in use does not meet the present wants of the Church in some important particulars; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Book Concern be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having prepared a new hymn book in which the defects (if there be any) in the book now being used may be remedied.

B. H. S. Ferguson introduced the following, which was, on motion of J. F. Harmon, referred to the Special Committee of Fifteen on Consolidation:

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Whereas, The great Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has done and is still doing a great work in the South in obliterating darkness, superstition, and ignorance, nevertheless, there is yet much to be done in the way of lifting up fallen humanity to a higher intellectual attainment; and,

Whereas, The great moral and intellectual status of our people in the South is of such condition as to yet require much effort to lift us to that position so much needed and desired by us; therefore,

Resolved, That the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society shall not be consolidated into any other, but shall remain as it is to continue the great work to be done.

The following, presented by J. B. Albrook, was adopted:

Order.

In order that proper quiet may be observed during the reading of God's word,

Resolved, That guards may be so placed that belated delegates may not enter during the time of devotional services between the close of the first hymn and the opening of the second hymn.

Z. X. Snyder introduced the following, which was, on motion of W. D. Parr, referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Whereas, Our official *Advocates* and Magazines were intended by the fathers of our Church for the diffusion of information pertaining to Methodism; and,

Price of periodicals.

Whereas, It is found, by actual calculation, that more than 1,000,000 of our communicants never see or read any of our Church periodicals, in many instances because of inability to pay for the same, therefore cannot appreciate the great Church of which they are members and know little of its work; therefore,

Resolved, That the desires of our fathers be continued and carried out as fully as possible; that, to this end, the subscription prices of some of our *Christian Advocates* at least be placed at $1 per year, so as to come within the means of all members of the Church and congregation; we believing that the popular price will stimulate and increase circulation and be productive of great good to the reader and greater loyalty to the interests of Methodism.

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G. G. Logan introduced the following, which, on motion of J. M. Buckley, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Colored members.

Whereas, Large numbers of colored people from the South, who are members and adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are living in many Northern and Eastern cities, and finding for the most part no separate houses of worship to which all of them are accustomed, and the most prefer, unite themselves with colored denominations, thereby being lost to the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that our presiding elders and ministers in such places should seek out and aid those people in securing separate houses of worship. Be it further

Resolved, That the Church Extension and Missionary Societies aid such cases as liberally as possible.

C. C. Jacobs moved the following, and it was adopted:

In view of the fact that in certain localities in our common country there is a growing tendency to disregard human life and liberty, growing out of the indisposition of the lawmakers and law-enforcers, of said sections, to enact and enforce such regulations as will suppress mob violence; and,

Mob violence.

Whereas, Such disregard for the fundamental principles on which our great republic is founded, of the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are being threatened with disruption, thus endangering the perpetuity of our republican form of government, which guarantees to all of its citizens equal, civil, political, and religious protection; therefore,

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as being unqualifiedly opposed to mob violence, and to crime of every kind and degree, and do hereby pledge ourselves to use every effort possible to create sentiment against these to the extent that all persons charged with crime may be tried and punished by due process of law; and we hereby declare that those who are not the legally constituted lawmakers and enforcers, when taking the law in their own hands to punish supposed criminals, are as culpable as those whom they would regulate.

The following, by I. L. Thomas, was, on motion of G. B. Smith, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Whereas, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is holding its last session in the nineteenth century; and,

Thanksgiving Day.

Whereas, Our heavenly Father has permitted our Church to spread among the nations of the earth so that the sun never sets upon our beloved Methodism; and,

Whereas, We believe that our achievements in the advancement of the gracious kingdom of Christ are due to an all-wise Providence which has guided us and approved of our humble efforts to preach Christ; to prepare and send missionaries into home and foreign fields; to oppose the liquor traffic in every form; to throw around our young people safeguards against the evils of the city; to stand uncompromisingly upon the Bible as our rule of faith; to furnish our ministers and laymen with pure literature; to keep the Sabbath holy; to live what we profess and to stand in the very front rank of the denominations of the Christian Church that cannot and will not compromise with the world; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session, do hereby request our Board of Bishops to set apart during the present year a Thanksgiving Day, to be observed by every Methodist Episcopal church, chapel, college, university, and charitable institution throughout the world, as an humble expression of our gratitude to Almighty God for his great mercies and blessings upon our Church in its work during this century, as shown specially in the giving to us of a faithful and able ministry of the Gospel; in our large increase in numbers; in the great enlargement of wealth

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and intelligence among our people; in enlarged liberality; in the position attained by our Church in the world; in the influence vouchsafed to us as a denomination upon the social, civil, and religious life of our nation and of the world; in the establishment of many institutions of learning and the benefits derived therefrom; in the spread of revivals; in the building of churches and in the establishment and support of missions, and its stand against sin of every kind; in the recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; for his mercies and blessings in the success of interests that we cannot enumerate.

On motion of T. B. Neely, the time was extended, whereupon he presented the following, which was adopted:

Committees.

Resolved, That committees cannot originate subjects, but can only consider questions referred to them, and that they should act and report upon all subjects so referred.

Organic Law.

On motion of C. W. Smith, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church was made the Order of the Day, immediately after the reading of the Journal tomorrow morning.

Robert Watt.

Robert Watt was excused from the Committee on City Evangelization.

On motion of J. B. Graw, the Conference adjourned after the singing of the Doxology, and the pronouncing of the benediction by the Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D., fraternal delegate of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

MISSISSIPPI.

G. M. R. Husbands presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Colored Bishop.

Whereas, For a number of years the promise that a colored man from the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the episcopacy of the same would be elected;

Whereas, This promise has not been fulfilled, and the delay seemed to have been for want of all-rounded, qualified men from the colored ranks of the Church; and as it seems, in the wise providence of the Almighty God, the desired qualification has been reached; and,

Whereas, The work in the South among the colored membership of our Church has suffered no little embarrassment relative to the episcopacy; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference take immediate action toward the election of a colored man to the episcopacy of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

J. W. Balson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Price of periodicals.

Whereas, The object and aim of our Church in establishing the Book Concern is the promotion of Church interests by the widest possible distribution of our book and periodical literature, and not to build up immense capital or to declare great dividends; therefore,

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Resolved, That this General Conference deplores the commercial spirit that appears to be prevalent among our membership, which tends to place the temporal above the spiritual, and dollars above souls; and,

Resolved, That in preference to declaring large dividends, the efforts of our Publishing Agents should be directed toward the reduction of the prices of our book and periodical publications in order to successfully compete with other publishing houses and secure the largest possible circulation;

Resolved, That where the interests of the Church would be conserved by the maintenance of Church papers, and such papers are not self-supporting, that, wherever practicable, subsidies sufficient to secure such maintenance should be granted.

William Gorst presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Omaha Christian Advocate.

Whereas, The *Omaha Christian Advocate* has become an important factor in the life and work of numerous Western Conferences—filling a place and meeting wants that no other periodical can supply—being located in a city about five hundred miles from any other of our Church papers, and where within a radius of two hundred miles there are 160,000 members of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and,

Whereas, Omaha stands as the gateway to a vast region of country beyond, with great railway thoroughfares radiating in every direction and making it the recipient of the traffic and supply station of a veritable empire to the west; therefore,

Resolved, That the city of Omaha is a most desirable location for one of our weekly periodicals, offering a large and growing opportunity for usefulness to the Church and the kingdom of Jesus; and,

Resolved, That since the original and great purpose of the Book Concern was to supply the people with cheap but excellent literature, the General Conference ought to continue the subsidy of $3,000 a year to the *Omaha Christian Advocate* for at least the next four years.

PHILADELPHIA.

F. B. Lynch presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Time limit.

Whereas, Many churches feel they are greatly hampered in their work by an arbitrary time limit, which often removes an efficient minister when he is doing his best work; and many pastors lament that the present system precludes the possibility of planning for permanent and far-reaching work in their ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Itinerancy be instructed to recommend a plan for the immediate removal of the time limit.

T. B. Neely presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Brotherhoods.

Resolved, That the General Conference recognize the Brotherhood of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which Brotherhood is a combination of various brotherhoods, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and has been approved by the Board of Bishops.

ST. LOUIS GERMAN.

E. J. Funk presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools:

Catechetical instruction.

Whereas, There is great need of systematic and thorough instruction of the children of our Church in the Catechism and the doctrines of our holy religion, and we believe that the time has come when our beloved Church should take decisive action on this important subject; and,

Whereas, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, proposes the publication of a Catechism to be prepared by a joint commission of the different branches of Methodism, and undoubtedly favorable action will be taken upon this matter by this body; therefore,

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Resolved, That the following paragraph be added to Chapter IV, immediately following paragraph 48, in the Discipline:

CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

In order to establish uniformity in the catechetical instruction of the children committed to our care, it is recommended that the preacher in charge shall observe the following rules:

1. The pastor shall organize all children of the age of ten to twelve years in his charge in catechetical classes.

2. The Catechism of the Church shall be the text-book, and the questions and answers therein contained shall be memorized by the children and explained by the pastor.

3. The course of instruction shall cover a period of not less than two years, at the completion of which the catechumens shall be examined by the pastor in the presence of the congregation at some appointed time—preferably on Easter or Children's Day.

4. As our baptized children are regarded as being under the special care and supervision of the Church, their names should then be entered upon the Church record as probationers, their consent having previously been obtained.

5. It is recommended that the terms of instruction shall consist of six months each year, the class meeting once a week on some week day.

6. Every pastor shall keep a list of his catechumens, and, when leaving his charge, pass it to his successor with other Church records.

SOUTH KANSAS.

Nelson Case presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Presiding elders.

Resolved, That the Committee on Itinerancy be instructed to report a plan for reducing the number of presiding elders' districts, and so changing the Discipline as to dispense with the presence of the presiding elder at Sunday services, on those charges filled by elders, on more than two occasions during the year.

Hugh McBirney presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Stewards and leaders.

Whereas, The Quarterly Conference is the best judge of its own members;

Resolved, That stewards and class leaders be nominated and elected by the Quarterly Conference.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Probationers.

Whereas, Our present ritual for the reception of probationers is unnecessary and impracticable;

Resolved, That paragraph 444 be stricken from our Book of Discipline.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Apostles' Creed.

Whereas, The word "catholic" is now applied to a denomination and so understood;

Resolved, That we substitute the word "universal" for the term "catholic."

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Lord's Prayer.

Whereas, The form of the Lord's Prayer used in our Discipline is copied from the Book of Common Prayer;

Resolved, That we adopt the wording of the New Testament in its stead.

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Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Local preachers.

Whereas, The ordination of local preachers is no longer necessary for our Church work; and,

Whereas, Ordained local preachers pursuing secular work is anomalous and tends to lower the importance and significance of ordination; and,

Whereas, The performing of the marriage ceremony and baptizing by local preachers often set aside the pastor in charge, and lessens his influence;

Resolved, That all provisions in our Discipline for the ordination of local preachers, except such as have the full work of the ministry in view, be stricken out.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

G. F. Bovard presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Trustees.

Resolved, That paragraph 303 of the Discipline be amended by leaving out the word "ejected" and inserting the words "removed from office in the interim of the annual election."

The paragraph now reads: "No Trustee shall be ejected while he is in joint security for money unless such relief be given him as is demanded, or the creditor will accept, provided he remain a Member of our Church."

The paragraph, when amended, would read, "No Trustee shall be removed from office in the interim of the annual election while he is in joint security for money unless such relief be given him as is demanded, or the creditor will accept, provided he remain a Member of our Church.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Episcopal residence.

Whereas, Owing to the illness and finally the decease of our resident Bishop, John P. Newman, the State of California, during the last quadrennium, has been deprived of the counsel and inspiration that a resident Bishop may impart; and,

Whereas, Southern California is topographically separated from northern California; and,

Whereas, Our educational, and other interests of our Church in southern California greatly need the assistance that a Bishop residing among us may render; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Conference that the place of episcopal residence for the State of California be designated, San Francisco or Los Angeles.

A. M. Hough presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

¶ 96.

Resolved, To amend Part 2, Chapter VI, third line, paragraph 96, at word "charge," to read, "when approved by the said Quarterly Conference."

A. J. Wallace presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Bishops.

Resolved, That there be added to paragraph 171 of the Book of Discipline the following words:

"All Bishops who are elected by the General Conference of 1900, and all elected by subsequent General Conferences, shall hold their office for the term of four years, and shall at the expiration of that term be eligible to reelection;" so that the paragraph, as amended, shall read:

"¶ 171, §1. A Bishop is to be constituted by the election of the General Conference and the laying on of the hands of three Bishops,

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or at least of one Bishop and two Elders. But the General Conference may authorize the election of a Missionary Bishop in the interim of the General Conference.

"§ 2. All Bishops who are elected by the General Conference of 1900, and all elected by subsequent General Conferences, shall hold their office for the term of four years, and shall at the expiration of that term be eligible to reelection."

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

G. W. Howes presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Bishops.

Whereas, It is desired to bring our General Superintendents into closer touch with our people and to a better acquaintance with our pastors and people, to a better understanding and appreciation of our itinerancy and General Superintendency; therefore,

Resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby made, the duty of the Bishops to attend in person and preside in at least one District Conference, annually, in each presiding elder's district in the United States, where a District Conference has been established or may hereafter be established, within the bounds of the Annual Conference where he is to preside.

WEST WISCONSIN.

W. J. McKay presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

General rules.

Resolved, That our General Rules be printed in all our Church Hymnals.

S. W. Trousdale presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Episcopacy:

Bishops' services.

Whereas, Great injustice was done by the resolution passed by the General Conference May 4th, by implying that all our Bishops were in the habit of receiving money for dedicating churches and such like services, while in fact the great majority of them were entirely blameless in this particular; and,

Whereas, Some of our Bishops are in the habit of charging for dedicating churches, lecturing, and other services not specified in the Discipline as a part of their official duties, and, while we believe that all of these Bishops who have thus received extra compensation have taken this money in good faith, and, so far as we can learn, in nearly every instance the money so earned has been given for benevolent and philanthropic purposes; nevertheless, we believe the interest of the Church would be better conserved and the cause of humanity more rapidly helped forward by these chief officers of the Church, if they would forego the money considerations in their extra unofficial services to the Church and the world. If, however, in the judgment of any Bishop the best service he can render the Church and the world leads him to lecture, or in some similar way earn money over and above his salary,

Resolved, That the General Conference recommends that over and above the extra expense incurred by the unofficial service the extra compensation be turned over to the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.

WYOMING.

G. K. Powell presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Easter Sunday.

Whereas, Easter Sunday commemorates the most important event in the life of Christ, when the sublimest expectations of the Old Testament were fulfilled, when Christ gained his greatest triumph, and we

thereby have given us the surest foundation for an intelligent faith, and a competent hope of our own resurrection; and,

Whereas, Easter has become the great Christian festival of the year, and is generally observed by all the evangelical Churches and our own, and many of our churches and Sunday schools have a special Easter and missionary service on that day, which tends to the edification of the members, and to the benefit of the cause of missions; and,

Whereas, Many of our Spring Conferences are held over Easter Sunday, and thus many preachers are compelled to be absent from their churches and many of their pulpits are left vacant on that day; therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishops of our Church be requested to arrange the sessions of the Spring Conferences in the future so that no Conference shall be held on Easter Sunday, in order that each preacher may be in his own pulpit, and that each church may have the ministration of its own pastor on that important day.

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The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

G. P. Collins presented a memorial, signed by R. L. Selle and twenty others, concerning Church federation. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Federation

CALIFORNIA.

T. B. Hutchinson presented a memorial, signed by J. H. N. Williams and four others, concerning the amusement question. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

R. V. Watt presented a memorial, signed by John R. Andrews and one other, concerning a grant of at least $200 yearly for the publication of *Ostra Sandebudet*. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. *Ostra Sandebudet.*

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

H. D. Fearon presented a memorial, signed by himself and twenty-four others, concerning brotherhoods. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Brotherhoods.

Charles Eddy presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning the course of studies. Referred to the Committee on Education. Course of studies.

H. C. Moyer presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

CENTRAL OHIO.

W. G. Waters presented a memorial from Central Ohio members, signed by himself and one other, Presiding elders.

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concerning presiding elders and Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Deaconess work.

E. D. Whitlock presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. Laura Winter and one hundred and twenty-eight others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

CINCINNATI.

Discipline.

A. B. Leonard presented a memorial, signed by V. F. Brown, concerning changes in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

COLORADO.

Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate.

J. W. Gilluly presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning the *Rocky Mountain Christian Advocate*. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

EAST OHIO.

Boundaries.

G. B. Smith presented a protest, signed by twenty-five Quarterly Conferences of the Barnesville District, against any change of the boundary lines that would divide the East Ohio Conference, or take from it any part of its present territory.

Also a like protest by twenty-seven Quarterly Conferences of the Cambridge District on the same subject. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

FOOCHOW.

Hinghua Mission.

J. H. Worley presented a memorial from the Hinghua Mission Conference concerning the organization of a Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ILLINOIS.

Election of Bishops.

W. A. Smith presented a memorial from the Springfield District Ministerial Association, signed by himself and one other, concerning the quadrennial election of Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Representation.

Also a memorial from the Springfield District Conference concerning representation. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Presiding elders.

C. B. Taylor presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning presiding elders.

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Also a memorial from W. D. Best and one other concerning trials of members. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Trials.

IOWA.

¶ 248. J. C. W. Coxe presented a petition, signed by C. F. McLean and twenty-nine others, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

LEXINGTON.

Conference Minutes. E. A. White presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning Conference Minutes. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

MICHIGAN.

Deaconess work. J. P. Ashley presented a memorial, signed by W. R. Fox and twenty-five others, concerning the deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

MINNESOTA.

Local boards. John Stafford presented a memorial from the Mankato District Conference, concerning election of local boards. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Methodist Review. Also one from the preachers of the Mankato District Conference concerning the *Methodist Review*. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

MISSOURI.

Superannuates. E. B. Lytle offered a memorial, signed by himself and six others, concerning better provision for support of superannuates. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

NEWARK.

Deaconess work. A. H. Tuttle presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

Supernumeraries. J. I. Bartholomew presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning supernumerary preachers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

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Epworth League statistics. A. J. Coultas presented a memorial from the New England Southern Conference, signed by S. O. Benton, secretary, concerning Epworth League statistics. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Periodicals. R. S. Douglas presented a memorial from the New England Southern Conference, signed by S. O. Benton, secretary, concerning subsidized periodicals. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Local societies. H. A. Fifield presented a memorial, signed by S. O. Benton, secretary, concerning a uniform designation for local societies. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Rules. Costello Lippitt presented a memorial from the New England Southern Conference, concerning rules for the conduct of preachers and members. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Time limit. R. F. Raymond presented a memorial from the New England Southern Conference, signed by S. O. Benton, secretary, concerning the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

¶ 248. Also one from same, similarly signed, concerning paragraph 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Representation. A. T. Cass presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning representation in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

NEW JERSEY.

Quarterly Conference. Jacob Graw presented a memorial, signed by J. L. Roe, concerning the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEW YORK EAST.

Deaconess work. C. S. Wing presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society and Deaconess Home, of the New York East Conference, signed by Mrs. Secor and forty-two others, concerning deaconess work and the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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Also a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society concerning the same. Both referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NORTH CHINA.

Superintendent of Missions.

H. H. Lowry presented a memorial from the Central China Mission, signed by Ella C. Shaw and twenty-four others, concerning a superintendent of Missions.

Also one, signed by D. W. Nichols and twenty-six others, concerning division of Missions. Both referred to the Committee on Missions.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Boundaries.

S. E. Ryan offered a memorial, signed by himself and E. E. Clough, concerning change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

NORTH INDIANA.

Time limit.

A. B. Cline presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Quarterly Conference.

C. U. Wade presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning members of the Quarterly Conference.

Members.

Also one, signed by J. W. Welch and eighty-five others, concerning the reception of members in the Church. Both referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

Withdrawals.

William Gorst presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning withdrawal from membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Theological schools.

D. K. Tindall presented a memorial, signed by himself and eight others, concerning theological schools. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Junior Leagues.

Also a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the Junior League superintendent. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTH OHIO.

City evangelization.

Horace Benton presented a memorial concerning city evangelization. Referred to the Committee on City Evangelization.

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Boundaries. A memorial, signed by E. M. Hogue, was presented, concerning the boundary between the East Ohio Conference and the North Ohio Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Theological professors. William Kepler presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning theological professors. Referred to the Committee on Education.

NORTHERN GERMAN.

Lord's Supper. E. J. Funk offered a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning changes in the ritual for administering the sacrament. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Woman's Home Missionary Society. Robert Forbes presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. R. H. Young and fifty others, concerning the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Examiners. C. C. Townsend offered a memorial, signed by all the members of the Board of Conference Examiners of the Northern New York Conference, concerning what shall constitute a valid reason for absence from the mid-year examinations. Referred to the Committee on Education.

NORTHWEST IOWA.

Judicial decision. G. W. Pratt offered a memorial, signed by F. E. Dorr and Robert Smylie, concerning a judicial decision involving a point of law. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

OHIO.

General Conference expenses. W. A. Wayland presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning General Conference expenses. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

OREGON.

Theological schools. G. W. Gue presented a memorial, signed by G. H. Bennett and four others, concerning theological schools. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

PHILADELPHIA.

J. R. T. Gray presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Quarterly Conference.

ROCK RIVER.

W. H. Holmes presented a memorial, signed by A. H. Pearson, concerning Church progress. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Church progress.

Also a memorial concerning the Quarterly Conference order of business. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Quarterly Conference.

O. H. Horton presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning Annual Conferences. Annual Conferences.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and twenty others, concerning the time limit. Both referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

H. G. Jackson presented a memorial from the Bohemian Mission concerning a Church paper. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Bohemian paper.

C. J. Little presented a petition, signed by himself and two others, concerning the fixing of the residence of the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopal residences.

SAVANNAH.

M. C. B. Mason presented a memorial from the Atlanta and Savannah Conferences, signed by himself and five others, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

L. L. Fisher presented a memorial from the Jacksonville District Epworth League Convention, signed by L. Larson, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

Also a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning episcopal residences. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopal residences.

ST. LOUIS.

D. W. Crow presented a memorial from the St. Louis Conference concerning superannuates. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Superannuates.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

St. Louis Depository. F. M. Van Treese presented a memorial from the Alton District Conference concerning the transfer of the Book Depository and the *Central Christian Advocate* from St. Louis to Kansas City. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

¶ 248. Also a memorial from the Alton District Conference concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

¶ 248. Harrison Waitt presented a memorial from the Wichita Epworth League Union concerning worldly amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

TENNESSEE.

Colored Bishop. H. W. Key presented a memorial concerning the election of a Bishop of African descent. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Conference claimants. Also a memorial, signed by himself, concerning Conference claimants. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

UPPER IOWA.

Boundaries. H. H. Green presented a memorial from the Upper Iowa and the Rock River Conferences concerning the boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

VERMONT.

Deaconess work. W. S. Smithers presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

WEST NEBRASKA.

Superannuates. O. R. Beebe presented a memorial, signed by the president and secretary of the Holdrege District Ministerial Association, concerning distribution of funds provided for the superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Districting Bishops. Also a memorial by the chairman and secretary of the Holdrege District Ministerial Association, concern-

ing the districting of the Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

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WEST VIRGINIA.

W. B. Matthews offered a memorial, signed by T. B. Trotter, from the Lay Electoral Conference concerning temperance. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Temperance.

WILMINGTON.

Robert Watt presented a memorial from the Wilmington Conference concerning the Anti-Canteen Law. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Anti-Canteen.

WYOMING.

Austin Griffin presented a memorial concerning stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Stewards.

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 10.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu called the Conference to order.

Bishop Mallalieu presiding.

I. B. Scott, of the Texas Conference, conducted devotional services.

The Journal of Wednesday's session was read and approved.

On motion of W. F. Corkran, the Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was postponed until the call of Conferences was finished.

Organic Law.

Charles Ott moved the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we have with great pleasure and profound gratitude listened to the fraternal and farewell addresses of the delegates, Dr. W. J. Hunter from the Methodist Church of Canada, and Dr. E. E. Hoss, from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. That we rejoice in the prosperity of these branches of our common Methodism, and that we fully reciprocate the sentiments of fraternity and good will expressed by these delegates.

3. That our Board of Bishops are hereby instructed to appoint delegates to bear the fraternal greetings of the General Conference to the ensuing General Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada and the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Fraternal delegates.

The following was read, and, on motion of Charles Ott, adopted:

Whereas, By the admission to this body of laymen in equal numbers to that of our ministerial delegates this body has become too large; therefore,

Committee on Representation.

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Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed which shall draft suitable resolutions with this end in view, to be submitted to the Annual Conferences and to report to this body not later than May 19.

The following was introduced by Charles Ott, and, on his motion, referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Subsidies.

Whereas, The dividends of the Book Concern to the Annual Conferences have during the quadrennium been reduced from $125,000, paid the first year, to $80,000, paid the last year; and,

Whereas, During the quadrennium there was paid to different periodicals published by the authority of the General Conference subsidies to the amount of $63,402, which sum could have been added to the amount of dividends had not such subsidies been ordered by the General Conference; and,

Whereas, There exists no sufficient reason for the continuance of many of these subsidies; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Book Concern be instructed to inquire into the advisability of discontinuing all subsidies, except such as are granted to publications in a foreign language, and to report at an early day. If, however, its recommendation implies a consolidation or discontinuance of existing official papers, then the report shall be made before the election of editors.

J. W. Bedford introduced the following, which was, on motion of W. L. McDowell, referred to the Committee on Revisals:

He, his, him.

Resolved, That the pronouns *he*, *his*, and *him*, when used in the Discipline in reference to stewards, exhorters, class leaders, Sunday school superintendents, and Epworth League presidents, shall not be so construed as to exclude women from such offices.

The following, introduced by F. L. Hart, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Hymnal.

Whereas, It is highly desirable that all our churches use our own Hymnal, and that our young people be taught early the grand hymns that have been such a power for good; and,

Whereas, The present price of a well-bound Hymnal is a barrier to its general use; and,

Whereas, The present size could be reduced by the elimination of many hymns that are never used; and,

Whereas, It is desirable that a suitable number of psalms be bound with the Hymnal for responsive reading; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the Bishops be empowered to appoint a commission of three for the preparation of the new Hymnal.

2. That the new Hymnal shall contain (1) sufficient number of psalms to meet the needs of our churches for responsive reading, numbering said psalms to correspond with same in the Bible, (2) the Ritual as contained in the Book of Discipline, (3) such a number of hymns that usually make possible the price of a well-bound copy in cloth, not to exceed 50 cents.

3. That there shall be an edition corresponding to the low-priced edition now in use containing the same matter that shall be afforded at as low a price as can be done with propriety.

W. F. Corkran introduced the following, which was, on motion of J. H. Cissel, referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Discipline.

Whereas, It is of great importance that our people should be more generally informed as to the polity of our Church and especially important that our young people should be thoroughly instructed therein; and,

Whereas, Our Book of Discipline in its present form and at its present cost has a comparatively limited circulation; therefore,

Resolved, That the editor of the next edition of our Book of Discipline be and is hereby instructed to edit, and our Publishing Agents be and are hereby authorized and instructed to publish, such an abridged edition of the same as can be retailed at 10 cents per copy.

Resolutions.

On motion of M. S. Hard, it was ordered that hereafter resolutions that have been read and referred to committees shall not appear in the *Daily Advocate*.

The following resolution was read, and, on motion of W. J. Welsh, adopted:

Joseph Hartwell and Church Extension.

Whereas, It appears and is claimed that the Rev. Joseph Hartwell, late of the Wyoming Conference, and who died at Binghamton, N. Y., November 13, 1899, is entitled to the credit of first urging upon the Methodist Episcopal Church the utility and necessity of organizing a Church Extension Society, and of fully bringing to the attention of the Church the great opportunity open to it in this direction in connection with the rapid settlement of the West, that he urged action by articles in the Church papers West and East, and outlined the necessary form and matter of the work; and,

Whereas, It is further claimed that in April, 1854, Brother Hartwell, who was then a resident of the city of Chicago and a member of the Rock River Conference, was instrumental in organizing the first Church Extension Society, and in connection with Grant Goodrich and others of the brethren in Chicago did organize the Northwestern Church Extension Society, the constitution of which was drafted by him and revised by Grant Goodrich; and,

Whereas, It is claimed that Brother Hartwell was instrumental in bringing the matter to the attention of other Conferences, and in the organization of auxiliary societies; that he assisted in raising money for this purpose; that he urged the main features of the work and all of the principal features of the work that were afterward adopted by the Board of Church Extension; and,

Whereas, It appears that this work was commenced early in 1854; that Brother Hartwell continued to be directly connected with the work until late in 1858, when his health so far failed him that he was obliged to leave it entirely to other hands; and,

Whereas, The historical data and evidence relating to this matter are in the hands of Brother Hartwell's widow, who resides at Binghamton, N. Y.;

Resolved, 1. That the Committee on Church Extension be requested to take action in this matter and investigate and report upon the sufficiency of the evidence of the facts stated, and what in its judgment should be done in the premises.

2. That Mrs. Hartwell be requested to file the documentary evidence in her possession relating to this matter in the archives of the Drew Theological Seminary.

The following was read, and, on motion of I. L. Thomas, adopted:

Ministers of Chicago churches.

Since the ministry of nearly every other branch of the Christian Church represented in the city of Chicago and vicinity have cordially invited our Bishops and members of this General Conference to fill their pulpits, and since they have joined the ministers and laymen of our Church in their cordial welcome of this body to Chicago, and since our Church is fraternal in spirit and rejoices in the success of our sister Churches, who like our own Church, go forth to the Great White Harvest—home and abroad—with the simple story of the Cross, the definite end to elevate mankind and to glorify God; therefore,

Resolved, That Monday, May 21, A. D. 1900, at 11 A. M., be fixed as the time to introduce ministers of other denominations to the Conference.

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Organic Law.

On motion of C. W. Smith, the Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was resumed.

Division II, Part II, Article III, Section 1, was taken up.

Lay members.

D. H. Moore moved to amend so that the phrase "lay members" shall be substituted for the word "laymen," wherever in this section the word "laymen" occurs.

Postponed.

On motion of C. W. Smith, this subject was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow after the reading of the Journal.

Reception.

The Committee on Response to the Reception presented Report No. I, and after reading was adopted. (See Reports, p. 470.)

Revisals.

On motion of J. E. C. Sawyer, the Committee on Revisals was given the privilege of presenting Report No. I for printing in the *Daily Advocate*.

Recess was taken.

Bishop Foss presides.

At 10:50 A. M. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss called the Conference to order.

Reports of Missionary Bishops.

The Order of the Day, the presentation of the Reports of the Missionary Bishops, was taken up.

The statement of the Bishop in presenting Missionary Bishop James M. Thoburn, was, on motion of J. M. Buckley, ordered printed in the Journal. (See Report of Bishop Thoburn, p. 338.)

Bishop James M. Thoburn read his quadrennial report.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the following was adopted:

Bishop Thoburn's illness.

Whereas, The whole Church was saddened by the intelligence of Bishop Thoburn's illness; therefore,

Resolved, That we give thanks to God for him, for ourselves, and for the Church, that he has been enabled to reach his native land and to prepare and read to the General Conference the luminous and encouraging report to which with equal pleasure and profit we have just listened.

Resolved, also, That we earnestly pray that his improvement may soon end in complete restoration to health and work.

Bishop Hartzell's report.

Bishop Joseph C. Hartzell was introduced and read his quadrennial report.

On motion of J. W. E. Bowen, the following resolution was adopted:

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Resolved, That the General Conference and the Church return thanks to God for the health and strength of Bishop J. C. Hartzell of Africa throughout his long and tedious journeys in that dark continent; and, secondly,

Sympathy with Bishop Hartzell.

Resolved, That we have heard with profit and inspiration the very clear, concise, and comprehensive report of Bishop J. C. Hartzell on his work.

Resolved, further, That we express to Bishop Hartzell our deep sympathy in the illness of his beloved wife who accompanied him in his long journeys, who bore with him his arduous tasks, and shared with him all his struggles and triumphs, and we devoutly pray for her speedy and permanent restoration.

Book Committee report.

W. F. Whitlock, chairman of the Book Committee, submitted the following supplementary report from the Book Committee. (See Report of the Book Committee.)

References.

On motion of M. S. Hard, the various subjects treated by the Missionary Bishops in the reports were referred to the appropriate committees.

Adjourned.

On motion of R. B. Williams, the Conference adjourned after the Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Thomas Allen, fraternal delegate of the British Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

CALIFORNIA.

Eli McClish presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

¶ 41.

Resolved, That paragraph 41 of the Appendix to the Discipline be amended by adding to the paragraph as it now stands the following: "Provided, that no Delegate who is a salaried official of the Church shall be placed on any committee whose function it is to review his work or administration."

ERIE.

G. P. Hukill presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Use of churches.

Whereas, There has long been a too liberal tendency, approaching carelessness, as to the use of the house of God, for miscellaneous purposes not in harmony with the sacred dedication of the same; and,

Whereas, The trustees of the church are charged with the care of the use of the church edifice and are responsible for the misuse of the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the following paragraph be inserted in the Discipline after paragraph 306:

"The Trustees are charged with the care and use of the Church edifice, and are responsible for the misuse of the same. They shall not permit the use of the Church for any secular purpose, or other purposes not in harmony with religious work and for the glory of God."

FOOCHOW.

J. H. Worley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Missions:

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Missionary Agents.

Resolved, That the Committee on Missions be instructed to consider the practicability of so amending the Constitution of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as to permit the appointment and dismissal of "Special Missionary Evangelists or Agents" at the discretion of the Board of Managers. The duty of a "Special Missionary Evangelist or Agent" shall be to hold Missionary Conventions, deliver missionary addresses, and wherever practicable, to assist pastors in taking their Missionary Collections.

KENTUCKY.

C. J. Howes presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Transfers.

Resolved, That Chapter V, paragraph 173, section 3, of the Discipline be amended by adding the following clause or subsection after the words "under the following provisions or limitations:" "He shall not transfer any Preacher from one Annual Conference to another Annual Conference without the concurrence of a majority of the Presiding Elders of the Conference to which the Preacher is to be transferred."

LOUISIANA.

C. C. Morse presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Boundaries.

Resolved, That the Gulf Mission Conference be enabled to organize as an Annual Conference during this quadrennium under Disciplinary requirements, and then be known as the Gulf Conference.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Leonidas Merritt presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Presiding elders.

Resolved, That paragraph 173, section 3, be striken from the Discipline and the following inserted in its place:

"The Bishop shall appoint the Presiding Elders annually, and may continue them in office indefinitely."

NORTHWEST IOWA.

J. B. Trimble presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Bulton System.

Resolved, That the Book Committee be and is hereby requested to examine the *Financial Record*, known as the "Bulton Shorter System"—a copy of which is presented with this resolution—and, if deemed wise, issue the same as one of our publications.

PHILADELPHIA.

F. B. Lynch presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension:

Mission churches.

Whereas, The Missionary Society is expressly prohibited by law from making appropriations for the erection of mission churches in the home field; and,

Whereas, There is a grave necessity for some provision which will furnish the means, in whole or in part, for the erection of suitable church edifices for the accommodation of foreign populations in our large cities; therefore,

Resolved, That, upon formal application of any organized society for city evangelization, the Board of Church Extension is hereby authorized to grant donations or make loans to such society for the erection of church or mission buildings for the accommodation of foreign populations in our large cities.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Education:

Examinations.

Whereas, The enlarged facilities for education afforded by our public schools, the advanced standards of our preparatory schools, the extended curricula of our colleges, all call for a more highly educated ministry; and,

Whereas, In many of our Conferences the stringent requirement that demands an examination in the Conference course for all alike is deterring many of our best young men from entering the educational institutions of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 56 of the Appendix to the Discipline be so altered as to make mandatory what is now permissive.

PUGET SOUND.

H. J. Cozine presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Hymnals.

Whereas, During the last few years, our Church has been literally flooded with musical publications of the most superficial character; and,

Whereas, These publications have in a large measure taken the place of our Church Hymnal, not only in the devotional meetings of the Epworth League and in the Sabbath school, but have also in many cases *entirely* displaced the Hymnal in the regular services of the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference recommends that, so far as possible, our Church Hymnal be used in all of the stated services of the Church throughout our entire Connection; and, be it further

Resolved, That our Junior Leagues, Epworth Leagues, and Sabbath schools be urged to make generous use of the Hymnal in their various services, in order that the youth of our Church may become familiar with and indoctrinated in our blessed hymnology.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

L. L. Fisher presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

¶ 173.

Resolved, That paragraph 173 of the Discipline be amended by striking out all the words after the word "preachers," in section 3, and all subsections 1, 2, and 3, and by inserting as section 3 and subsections 1 and 2 the following; to wit:

"§ 3. To annually fix the following appointments:

"1. The Pastors of all the Churches under his jurisdiction.

"2. All the Presiding Elders selected by him for the work of which he has charge;" and by changing the subdivisions of subsection 3 to subsections of section 3 with proper numbers, so that the part amended of the paragraph, as amended, shall read:

"¶ 173. The duties of a Bishop are:

"§ 1. To preside in the Annual Conferences.

"§ 2. To form districts according to his judgment.

"§ 3. To annually fix the following appointments:

"1. The Pastors of all the Churches under his jurisdiction.

"2. All the Presiding Elders selected by him for the work of which he has charge.

"3. The Corresponding Secretaries of our Connectional Benevolent Societies and Boards, and the Assistant Corresponding Secretaries of the Board of Church Extension.

"4. The Publishing Agents at New York and Cincinnati.

"5. The Editors and Assistant Editors at New York, Syracuse, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, and New Orleans, and the Editor of *Zion's Herald*.

"6. Missionaries to the Indians, to neglected portions of our cities (including the Five Points Mission in New York), to foreign lands, and foreign populations in the United States where Preachers are obtained

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with difficulty, including, however, no Germans but those on the Pacific coast.

"7. Our Preachers in Germany and Switzerland.

"8. Chaplains to Prisons, to Reformatory, Sanitary, and Charitable Institutions, and in the Army and Navy.

"9. Preachers appointed to labor for the special benefit of Seamen.

"10. Ministers in the service of the American Bible Society, or of any State Bible Society auxiliary thereto.

"11. The Minister stationed at the American Chapel in Paris.

"12. The Presidents, Principals, and Teachers of institutions of learning which are under our care; and also those who, upon the request of an Annual Conference, are appointed to institutions of learning not under our care."

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Missions:

Cuba Mission.

Whereas, The Spanish-American War opened the door to Protestant missionaries to Cuba; and,

Whereas, The Master's cause and the interests of the United States demand the immediate occupation of Cuba by Protestant missionaries, and the preaching of the Gospel of Christ to those needy and fettered people at its earliest possible moment; therefore,

Resolved, That the Missionary Committee be instructed to establish a Mission in Cuba at the earliest practical date.

WEST NEBRASKA.

James Leonard presented the following. Referred to Committee on Revisals:

Dismissal of members.

Whereas, The removal of unworthy members from our Church is attended with serious embarrassment; and,

Whereas, Church trials often create dissension and engender strife, resulting in great injury to the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 249, section 2, of the Discipline be so amended by striking out all the part following the words, "Preacher in Charge," and substituting the following: "Notify the accused that, unless he amend his ways, his case will be brought before a Committee of not less than five, who shall not be members of the Quarterly Conference, or if the accused prefer, he may be permitted to withdraw without any public announcement being made of such withdrawal; nevertheless, he shall be permitted to lay his case before the next Quarterly Conference which may be permitted to entertain the appeal. In case no appeal be made, then the Quarterly Conference may authorize the Preacher in Charge to remove the name of the accused from the records of the Church."

WEST TEXAS.

J. W. Frazier presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society:

Educational work.

Resolved, That it is best for our Church and for Christianity that our educational work in the South, among white and colored people, remain united.

WEST WISCONSIN.

W. J. McKay presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Removals.

Resolved, That when a member of our Church removes without letter and without reporting to the Church of which he is a member his location or desire as to membership for the space of one year, his name may be erased from the Church Record.

Resolved, That in each case of erasure the reason therefore shall be stated opposite the name. MAY 10. EIGHTH DAY. *Morning.*

Resolved, That when members of our Church of choice neglect the means of grace for the space of one year or more, and who, after the usual New Testament spirit and method of admonishment, persist in maintaining an indifferent interest toward our Church, the case having been presented to the Quarterly Conference, said Conference may order the name to be stricken from the Church Record. In each case this record shall be made opposite the name, "By order of the Quarterly Conference."

WISCONSIN.

W. W. Cooper presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Epworth League:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Epworth League be so amended as to specify the age limit of members of the League shall be thirty years, and that members passing this age shall become honorary members. Epworth League.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

G. B. Collins presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning a boundary line. Boundaries.

Also a memorial from the Austin Conference concerning a Conference boundary. Both referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

CALIFORNIA.

J. D. Hammond presented a memorial from the California Conference concerning boundary line. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

Also one from the same Conference concerning course of study. Referred to the Committee on Education. Course of study.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

J. G. Evans presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning Conference claimants. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Conference claimants.

R. B. Williams presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning class leaders. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Class leaders.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Theron Cooper presented a memorial, signed by the lay and clerical delegates from the Central New York, Northern New York, Genesee, and Wyoming Confer- *Northern Christian Advocate.*

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ences, concerning the *Northern Christian Advocate.* Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

Children's classes.

Charles Eddy presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning children's classes. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Deaconess work.

B. C. Conner presented a memorial from the Central Pennsylvania Conference concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Membership.

H. L. Jacobs presented a memorial, signed by B. G. Welch, concerning fraternal associate membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

COLORADO.

Deaconess work.

D. L. Rader presented a memorial from the Colorado Conference relating to the deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Same.

Also a memorial, signed by W. C. Madison and eleven others, concerning deaconess work in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Both referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Church Extension.

H. E. Warner presented a memorial from the Denver Church Extension Society concerning the management of the Board of Church Extension. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Appeal of Passmore.

Also an appeal from the decision of Bishop W. F. Mallalieu in the case of F. F. Passmore. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

DETROIT.

Deaconess work.

R. S. Copeland presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. J. E. Jacklin and seven others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

ERIE.

Sabbath observance.

A. R. Rich presented a memorial from the American Sabbath Union, signed by I. W. Hathaway, concerning Sabbath observance. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

INDIANA.

Licensing women.

C. C. Edwards presented a memorial relative to licensing women.

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Also from same relative to a district committee to examine and recommend local preachers for license. Both referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Local preachers.

H. J. Talbott, of the Indiana Conference, presented a memorial relative to the deaconess work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

IOWA.

J. C. W. Coxe presented a memorial, signed by himself and sixteen others, concerning the editor of the *Epworth Herald* and General Secretary. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League. *Epworth Herald.*

MISSOURI.

E. B. Lytle presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning lay representation in the Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Lay representation.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A. T. Cass presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning Church committees. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Church committees.

G. M. Curl presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning representation in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Representation.

NEW YORK.

J. R. Day presented the report of the trustees of John Street Church, New York, with nomination of trustees for election by the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. John Street Church.

NEW YORK EAST.

A memorial was presented, signed by A. C. Morehouse and twelve others, concerning the insertion of a chapter on perfect love in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Perfect love.

Also one, signed by Mary L. Smith and fifty others, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

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NORTH DAKOTA.

Membership. H. C. Klingel presented a memorial from the North Dakota Conference, signed by himself and others, relating to transfer of membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Lay representation. S. M. Coon offered a memorial, signed by himself, G. R. Russell, Junius P. Lewis, and F. B. Beers, concerning a change in the Discipline admitting laymen into the Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

PHILADELPHIA.

Trustees and stewards. J. E. James presented a memorial from the Philadelphia Lay Electoral Conference concerning the election of trustees and stewards. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

PITTSBURG.

Sunday schools. W. W. Ulerich presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning the Sunday school. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

ROCK RIVER.

Book Committee. William Deering presented a memorial, signed by himself and thirteen others, concerning the Book Committee. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

¶ 248. D. M. Tompkins presented a memorial from the Park Ridge Church relative to amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

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¶ 248. L. L. Fisher presented a memorial from the Jacksonville District Conference concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Deaconess work. G. F. Bovard presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

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UPPER IOWA.

H. H. Green presented a memorial from the Decorah District Conference, relative to the Hymnal. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. — Hymnal.

VERMONT.

W. S. Smithers presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning representation in the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. — Representation.

WEST GERMAN.

Charles Ott presented a memorial concerning membership. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. — Membership.

WEST TEXAS.

G. J. Starnes presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. — Deaconess work.

WEST VIRGINIA.

W. B. Matthews presented a memorial, signed by W. C. B. Moore and two hundred others, on behalf of the Epworth League of the State Street Church, of Charleston, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. — ¶ 248.

WILMINGTON.

Robert Watt presented a memorial from the Wilmington Conference concerning pastors and presiding elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. — Ministers.

WISCONSIN.

J. S. Lean presented a memorial from the Wisconsin Conference relative to sending petitions to the presiding Bishop. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. — Petitions.

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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 11.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Cyrus D. Foss called the Conference to order, and during devotional services Bishop C. H. Fowler took the chair. — Bishop Fowler presiding.

J. W. Butler, of the Mexico Conference, led the devotional services.

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The Journal of Thursday's session was read and approved.

C. A. Wagner.

Carl A. Wagner, of the Detroit Conference, took the place of Francis B. Beal.

E. Mann.

Ernst Mann, lay delegate from the South Germany Conference, was reported present and in his place.

On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, John Moler was granted leave of absence until next Monday.

F. W. Warne.

Frank W. Warne, of the Bengal-Burma Conference, was reported as having arrived and taken his seat as principal delegate in place of reserve delegate Julius Smith.

Dr. R. S. Rust.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., was invited to a seat on the platform.

H. T. Coates. E. S. Pettyjohn.

The following were announced as present and in their seats: Herbert T. Coates, of South America, and Elmore S. Pettyjohn, of the Michigan Conference.

Organic Law.

The Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was resumed.

The amendment of D. H. Moore to Section 1, Article III, Part II, was now taken up.

C. W. Smith moved that action on Sections 1 and 5 of Article III, Part II, be deferred for the present.

On motion of John Sweet, the previous question was ordered, and action temporarily postponed on said sections.

T. B. Neely moved to strike out the words "on the second day," Part II, Article III, Section 2, of the proposed Constitution of the Church, and insert, in lieu thereof, the phrase "on the first Friday of the session of the Annual Conference."

J. M. Buckley moved to amend the amendment by striking out the hour "at 10 o'clock A. M."

R. S. Douglass moved, as a substitute, to strike out Section 2, and put in its place the following: "The Lay Electoral Conference shall assemble at the seat of Conference at such time and place as the Annual Conference next preceding the meeting of the Lay Electoral Conference shall designate." Laid on the table.

On motion, the previous question was ordered, and

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the amendment of T. B. Neely, and the amendment thereto by J. M. Buckley, were carried, and the original motion, as amended, was adopted, as follows: "The Lay Electoral Conference shall assemble on the first Friday of the session immediately preceding the General Conference unless the General Conference shall provide otherwise."

C. W. Smith moved that a committee of fifteen be appointed, to whom the deferred articles shall be referred with orders to report within a few days.

L. M. Shaw moved so to amend that this Committee be nominated by General Conference Districts, which amendment was laid on the table by a vote of 306 to 277.

The motion of Lewis Curts to lay the proposition on the table was lost, and it was then passed.

On motion of C. W. Smith, the adoption of the Organic Law was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The following, on motion of M. S. Hard, was adopted:

Resolutions, etc.

Resolutions presented, read, and referred without discussion, shall not be published in the *Daily Advocate*, but will appear in the Journal with resolutions that were not read.

J. M. King offered the following, which was adopted:

Reports.

That the chairman and secretary of each standing and special committee be authorized to pass in perfected reports directly to the editor of the *Advocate*, without their coming through the Conference.

The announcements were made and recess was taken.

At 11 o'clock Bishop C. H. Fowler called the Conference to order.

Consolidation.

Loren B. Lord was seated in place of H. T. Kennedy.

A. B. Leonard called up the special Order of the Day, the report of the Committee on Consolidation of Benevolences.

W. M. Puffer moved an amendment to include all the Benevolent societies. Accepted by the committee.

Report adopted.

On motion of E. D. Whitlock, the previous question was ordered, and the amended report was adopted. (See Reports, p. 463.)

Absence.

C. C. Edwards and T. M. Johnson were granted leave of absence until next Monday.

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Under suspension of the Rules, F. A. Arter moved that the call of the roll of Conferences begin with the last letter of the alphabet. The motion was lost.

W. H. Jordan was reported as being present.

Roll resumed.

Roll of Conferences was resumed.

F. D. Bovard introduced the following:

Taxation of churches.

Whereas, California is the only State in the Union in which the house dedicated to the worship of God is taxed by the civil authorities; and,

Whereas, A large number of the churches in California have been driven by taxation from desirable to inferior locations, some have been sold, all have been hindered by this great and unjust burden; and,

Whereas, The last Legislature of California, 1899, at the united request of the Christian people of that State, have submitted the following amendment to the Constitution of the State:

"All buildings, and so much of the real property on which they are situated as may be required for the convenient use and occupation of said buildings, when the same are used solely and exclusively for religious worship, shall be free from taxation; *provided*, that no building so used which may be rented for religious purposes, and rent received by the owner thereof, shall be exempt from taxation;" therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference indorses this movement for the relief of the houses of worship in California, and express the earnest hope that the amendment will be carried by the people at the general election in that State next November.

On motion of E. R. Dille, the previous question was ordered and the motion adopted.

J. G. Evans introduced the following, which, on motion of J. M. Buckley, was laid on the table:

Applause.

Whereas, Rule 31 provides that "all demonstrations of approval or disapproval during the progress of debate shall be deemed a breach of order;" and,

Whereas, No effort has been made by our presiding officers to enforce this rule by suppressing demonstrations of approval; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly request the presiding officers of this Conference to enforce the observance of this rule, so necessary for good order and the rapid progress of business.

J. G. Evans moved the following, which was adopted:

Temperance Sunday.

Whereas, The Chicago Methodist Preachers' Meeting has proposed to devote Sunday, May 27, to the discussion of the temperance question in the pulpits of this city, and the ministers of several other leading denominations have concurred in this proposition; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily indorse this arrangement, and will render such aid as we can to make this temperance Sunday in the city of Chicago a success in awakening a deeper interest among the Christian people of the city against the drink habit and the liquor traffic.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the following was adopted:

Trustees Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be named by the Bishops to which the report of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church be referred—and that this committee be instructed to make nominations to fill vacancies in this board and successors of those members whose terms now expire.

J. D. Hammond presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

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Whereas, There are many old veterans of the Church who have been on the fighting line all their life at such compensation as has made it impossible for them to provide for their old age; and,

Whereas, By former action of this General Conference, pastors, presiding elders, and Bishops are required to share *pro rata* such money as may be raised for ministerial support; therefore, Superannuates.

Resolved, That the claim of the superannuated preachers is not to be considered in any way as a benevolence, but as a just *pro rata* claim upon the funds raised for ministerial support, including therein Bishops, presiding elders, pastors, and superannuates.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. Adjourned.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Bishop Fowler.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

R. B. Williams presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Trials.

Whereas, Under our present law a member of an Annual Conference who is expelled from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church cannot again become a member of said Church without the consent of the Conference from which he was expelled; and,

Whereas, Said Conference cannot give its consent for renewed membership in the Church until the expelled party has made confession of guilt and professed penitence therefore; and,

Whereas, Such a law would work great injustice to a member who might be expelled from his Conference for a crime of which he was never guilty, requiring him to make false confession of guilt in order to regain membership in the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That the law ought to be so amended as to allow the Annual Conference to which the expelled party belonged to determine the conditions upon which he may be again received into the Church.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

R. H. Gilbert presented the following resolution. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Missionary Bishops.

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the status of Missionary Bishops, as defined in Chapter VI of the Discipline, is in harmony with that part of the Constitution of the Church contained in the third Restrictive Rule.

H. L. Jacobs presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy:

Representation.

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference hereby recommends the following proposition to the Annual Conferences to be held in 1902, to wit: To amend section 2, paragraph 67, of the Book of Discipline by striking out "forty-five" in fourth line, and inserting "seventy-five," so that the section shall read as follows:

"The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen Members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every seventy-five; nor of more Lay Delegates from an Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; *provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional Delegate for such

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fraction; and *provided*, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

2. That the Secretary of this General Conference send to the secretaries of the Annual Conferences blank forms for certificates of the vote cast by the respective Conferences on this proposed change, and the secretaries of the Annual Conferences are hereby directed to send the result of said vote, immediately after it is ascertained, to the Secretary of this General Conference and to the Secretary of the Board of Bishops.

W. L. Woodcock presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Liquor license.

Whereas, The signing of petitions for license to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage, going on the bonds of such applicants, and renting real estate for the keeping of saloons for the sale of such liquors are forbidden by the Discipline of the Methodist Church; therefore,

Resolved, That paragraph 248 of the Discipline of 1896 be so amended as to include in the forbidden items, the presenting and representing of petitions or applications to the court for the granting of such license to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

COLUMBIA RIVER.

W. H. Marvin presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Boundaries.

Whereas, In defining the Conference boundaries the General Conference of 1896 omitted to include Sherman County, Ore., in the Columbia River Conference, which county properly belongs there; and,

Whereas, The county of Wheeler, Ore., has been created since the session of the last General Conference and properly belongs in the Columbia River Conference;

Resolved, That this General Conference include the counties of Wheeler and Sherman, of the State of Oregon, in the Columbia River Conference.

DAKOTA.

W. H. Jordan presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Collections.

Whereas, In many cases it has been found advantageous to "omnibus" the several benevolent collections; and,

Whereas, Such "omnibus" collections are now forbidden by the Discipline; therefore,

Resolved, That whenever the pastor shall deem it for the best interests of the benevolences involved he shall be allowed to "omnibus" any two or more of the benevolent collections.

ERIE.

Henry Sims presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Class leaders.

Whereas, The office of class leader is recognized among us as one of great honor and importance in their relation as subpastors; and,

Whereas, The class leaders, by virtue of their office, are recognized as members of the Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences as appointees of the pastor without the confirmation of these boards; and,

Whereas, Custom has made these offices one of almost life tenure, it being, as a rule, a matter of great delicacy to remove a class leader, the only office in the laity not subject to annual election or confirmation; and,

Whereas, The power being given to the pastor to appoint class

leaders without restriction as to numbers expose our ministers to the temptation of appointing so many as to "pack" the Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences for the purpose of carrying through measures that could not otherwise be passed, and thereby becoming a menace to the best interests of the Church; therefore, MAY 11. NINTH DAY. *Morning.*

Resolved, 1. That we believe it would add to the dignity and usefulness of this office if the class leaders were subject to reappointment annually in the Fourth Quarterly Conference, being nominated by the pastor and confirmed by the Quarterly Conference, and that said class leaders shall become members of the Quarterly Conference when approved as such by the majority vote of that body, and that additional class leaders may be appointed from time to time by the nomination of the pastor and confirmation of any Quarterly Conference when in regular session, whose term shall expire with the Conference year, as in the case of stewards.

2. That we suggest the advisability of so changing the Discipline as to provide for this method of nominating, confirming, and making the class leaders members of the Quarterly Conference.

FOOCHOW.

J. H. Worley presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Missions:

Whereas, There is no plan to utilize foreign missionaries while on furlough in the home lands; therefore, Missionaries.

Resolved, That the authorities of the Missionary Society be requested to formulate a plan by which missionaries shall have systematic work when on furlough if their health will permit.

KENTUCKY.

G. R. Frenger presented the following. Referred to the Book Committee:

Whereas, There is great need for a Quarterly Conference Record adapted to a full and complete record of all that usually comes before the Quarterly Conference; therefore, Quarterly Conference record.

Resolved, That the Book Committee be requested, after duly considering the matter, to provide such a record in substantial form and at as reasonable cost as possible.

LOUISIANA.

C. C. Morse presented the following resolution. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Whereas, A large amount of postage can be saved for the Book Concern by publishing the anniversary programs in periodical form; Programs.

Resolved, That there be established for that purpose the *Quarterly Program*.

NORTH DAKOTA.

A. S. Elford presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League:

Resolved, That the Epworth League Committee make some provision for smaller chapters to be organized, with a president, a vice president, one person to be secretary and treasurer, also a junior superintendent, who together with the pastor, shall constitute the cabinet. Epworth League.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

D. K. Tindall presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

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Episcopal residence.

Whereas, There is a vast extent of country in which, or near to which, no Bishop of our Church resides; and,

Whereas, Such residence is greatly desired by our ministers and members, who feel its imperative need; therefore,

Resolved, That Omaha, Neb., be a place of episcopal residence during the next quadrennium.

ROCK RIVER.

W. H. Holmes presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Bishops' work.

Whereas, The presidency of Annual Conferences, the appointment of the preachers, and the general superintendency of the Church constitute the special and important duty of our Bishops; and,

Whereas, The acceptance of executive positions of great responsibility is calculated not only to overtax the time and strength of our Bishops, but also to divert their minds from their legitimate duties and absorb their attention to the detriment of the direct interests of the Church and ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Episcopacy be directed to take into consideration the propriety of reporting such action as may relieve the Bishops from all except ministerial and other legitimate duties as defined in the Discipline.

SOUTH KANSAS.

E. W. Cunningham presented the following. Referred to the Judiciary Committee:

¶ 271.

Resolved, That paragraph 271 of the Discipline be amended by adding thereto the following:

"But in all cases where a review of such questions is desired the one appealing shall attach to the record a statement containing a specification of the claimed errors, and no appeal shall be entertained without such specification."

WEST VIRGINIA.

R. A. Armstrong presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Stewards.

Resolved, That in the election of stewards and class leaders, the authority now exercised by the Quarterly Conference be transferred to the whole body of lay members of the Church who are twenty-one years of age.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

Episcopal residence.

O. E. Olander presented a memorial from the Austin Conference, signed by himself and G. B. Collins, relative to episcopal residence. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

Boundaries.

Also a memorial from the Gulf Mission Conference, signed by G. A. King and four others, concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

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BALTIMORE.

L. M. Bacon presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning the retiring of Bishops. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Bishops.

W. S. Edwards presented a memorial from Caroline Street Church, Baltimore, signed by one hundred and fifty-nine members, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

BLUE RIDGE.

A. J. Johnson presented a memorial in behalf of the third annual session of the Atlantic Mission Conference containing memorials on pages eleven and twelve. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Atlantic Mission.

CALIFORNIA.

E. R. Dille presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

J. D. Hammond offered a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the *pro rata* claim for superannuates. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Superannuates.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Charles Eddy presented a memorial relative to revision of statement of the General Rules. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. General Rules.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

B. C. Conner presented a memorial, signed by H. C. Pardoe and one other, concerning the shortening the term of probation of members. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Probation.

Also a memorial, signed by R. B. Foster, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

CENTRAL SWEDISH.

Martin Hess presented a memorial, signed by himself and six others, concerning Swedish periodicals. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. Swedish periodicals.

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COLORADO.

Utah Mission. W. F. McDowell presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning the Utah Mission. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Enabling act. D. L. Rader presented a memorial from the Colorado Conference relative to an enabling act. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Appeal. H. E. Warner presented certain papers containing the testimony in the case of Austin Crooks *vs.* F. F. Passmore. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

DAKOTA.

Stewards. W. H. Jordan presented a memorial from the Dakota Conference concerning consecration of stewards. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

DETROIT.

Salaries. John Sweet presented a memorial from the Saginaw District Ministerial Association, signed by himself and one other, concerning the salaries of secretaries. Referred to the Committee on the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Also one from the same concerning salary of General Secretary. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

Early rising. Also one from the same concerning early rising. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Stewards. Also one from the same concerning the election of stewards and trustees.

Secretaries. Also one from the same concerning disqualification of editors, secretaries, etc. Both referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

Time limit. Also one from the same concerning the time limit.

Presiding elders. Also one from the same concerning the election of presiding elders. Both referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

Salaries. Also one from the same concerning the salaries of editors. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

EAST OHIO.

Representation. H. L. Stewart presented a memorial from the Somerton, O., Quarterly Conference concerning the num-

ber of delegates to the General Conference. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. MAY 11. NINTH DAY. *Morning.*

ERIE.

A. R. Rich presented a memorial, signed by J. R. Madison and two others, concerning the union of temperance forces. Referred to the Committee on Temperance. Temperance.

GENESEE.

M. R. Webster presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning the transfer of membership by certificate *vs.* note of recommendation. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Membership.

ILLINOIS.

J. A. Kumler presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning arbitration. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Arbitration.

Also a memorial from the Illinois Conference relating to deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

MINNESOTA.

John Stafford presented a memorial from Mankato District of the Minnesota Conference relative to amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

NEWARK.

Daniel Halleron presented a memorial, signed by Nicholas Vansant and thirteen members, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 248.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.

W. J. Yates presented a memorial, signed by himself and six others, concerning a change in paragraph 366 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 366.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A. T. Cass presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning Church officers. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Officers.

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NEW YORK.

Admission on trial. A memorial from W. C. Burdick was presented, concerning admission on trial. Referred to the Committtee on the State of the Church.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Epworth League. A. S. Elford presented a memorial concerning the Constitution of the Epworth League. Referred to the Committee on Epworth League.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

¶¶ 73 and 248. J. B. Hingeley presented a memorial from I. J. Truman, President of the San Francisco Church Extension Society, protesting against change in paragraphs 73 and 248 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

Boundaries. Also a memorial from D. G. Franklin concerning boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

Ritual. Also two memorials, signed by J. S. McCalmont, concerning the ritual. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

Deaconess Home. Leonidas Merritt presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. H. A. Griffin and thirty-two others, in behalf of the Deaconess Home in Cleveland, O., concerning the relations existing between the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

Pastors. T. J. H. Taggart presented a memorial from the Northwest Kansas Conference relative to duties of pastors. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORWEGIAN AND DANISH.

¶ 248. N. E. Simonsen presented a memorial from the Milwaukee Quarterly Conference, signed by E. J. Sorigstad, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

OREGON.

Mission Conferences. W. H. Odell presented a memorial from the laymen of Salem, Ore., signed by himself and three others,

concerning Mission Conferences. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. MAY 11. NINTH DAY. *Morning.*

F. B. Sackett presented a memorial, signed by T. B. Ford and four others, concerning the Nevada Mission Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Nevada Mission.

PITTSBURG.

T. N. Boyle presented a memorial, signed by R. B. Mansell, concerning an appeal. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. R. B. Mansell.

ROCK RIVER.

D. M. Thompkins presented a memorial, signed by C. S. Leavell and seventy-three others, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Time limit.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

A. M. Hough presented a memorial relating to change of paragraph 291 of Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 291.

TEXAS.

I. B. Scott presented a memorial, signed by B. M. Hubbard, Secretary of the New Orleans Preachers' Meeting, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

UPPER IOWA.

H. H. Green presented a memorial concerning the relation of trustees to the Quarterly Conference. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Trustees.

VIRGINIA.

U. S. A. Heavener presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning a change of boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

WEST WISCONSIN.

W. J. McKay presented a memorial, signed by L. M. Small and six others, concerning the withdrawal of ministers and members in certain cases. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Withdrawals.

Also a memorial from the Ashland District of the West Wisconsin Conference, signed by L. M. Small and

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others, concerning the withdrawal of members and ministers. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

WYOMING.

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M. S. Hard presented a memorial from Sylvanus Lane concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

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SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 12.

Bishop Vincent presiding.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop John H. Vincent called the Conference to order.

A. H. Tuttle, of the Newark Conference, conducted the devotional services.

The Minutes of Friday's session were read and approved.

F. H. Umholtz.

In the Oklahoma delegation, Frederick H. Umholtz was reported as having taken the place of Tipton Cox.

The motion of H. W. Herrick, to suspend the Order of the Day, was lost.

Organic Law.

The Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was taken up.

Part II, Article III, Section 3 was read by the Secretary, and adopted.

Part II, Article III, Section 4 was read and adopted.

Part II, Article IV was read and adopted.

Part II, Article V, Section 1 was read and adopted.

Part II, Article V, Section 2 was read and adopted.

Part II, Article V, Section 3 was read and adopted.

Part II, Article VI, Section 1 was read and adopted.

On motion, the action on Part II, Article VI, Section 1 was reconsidered. George Elliott moved to strike out from this section the words "from the traveling elders."

The motion of John Handley to lay the motion to strike out on the table was lost.

On motion of Joseph Pullman, the previous question was ordered. The motion to strike out was lost, and Section 1 was adopted.

Part II, Article VI, Section 2 was read and adopted.

Part II, Article VI, Section 3 was read and adopted.

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Part II, Article VII was read by the Secretary, and C. W. Smith moved its adoption.

T. B. Neely moved to strike out the words "such challenge being signed by at least six delegates from the territory of as many different Annual Conferences, three such delegates being ministers and three laymen."

The motion of W. L. Woodcock, to lay the proposition to strike out on the table, was lost.

C. P. McClellan moved to further strike out the words "the person so challenged shall not participate in the proceedings of the General Conference, except to speak on his own case, until the question of his right shall have been decided."

The motion of Robert Forbes for the previous question on all before the body was not sustained.

The amendment of C. P. McClellan, and the motion of T. B. Neely, both to strike out, were lost, and Article VII, as read, was adopted.

Article VIII was read and adopted.

Article IX was read, and C. W. Smith moved its adoption.

R. S. Douglass moved that Section 1 of Article IX, which reads as follows, "On every question which proposes a change in the Discipline they shall vote separately," shall be entirely stricken out.

T. B. Neely moved to amend, to strike out figure 2, beginning the second section, and the words "also" and "other," so that the said section shall read, "A separate vote shall be taken on any question when requested by one third of either order of delegates present," etc., which was accepted by R. S. Douglass as part of his motion.

John Edwards was granted leave of absence until next Monday.

The name of C. H. Dunn was substituted for that of R. V. Watt on the Committee on City Evangelization.

To consider parts of Organic Law.

Bishop E. G. Andrews announced the committee to consider certain parts of the proposed Organic Law, and also the committee to nominate trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. (See Committees, pp. 414, 415.)

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The announcements were made and recess taken.

Part II, Article IX was continued under discussion.

J. A. Mansfield moved the following substitute, to strike out all contained in Article IX, after the word "body," so as to read: "The ministers and lay delegates shall deliberate together as one body."

On motion of F. L. Thompson, the previous question was ordered.

The motion of J. E. Farmer to lay the substitute on the table was lost.

The amendments of T. B. Neely and R. S. Douglass, the latter having accepted the former, were adopted.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the substitute of J. A. Mansfield was laid on the table.

Article IX, as amended, was adopted.

Bishop Galloway.

Bishop Vincent introduced Bishop C. B. Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the further discussion and adoption of the Organic Law of the Church was made the Order of the Day for next Monday, at 9:30 A. M.

A. B. Leonard read a cablegram, and then offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, The following cablegram has just been received concerning the famine and pestilence-stricken people in India: "Famine appalling. Cholera raging. Help imperative. Appeal for the support of four thousand famine waifs.—Central Conference Committee;"

Resolved, 1. That we deeply sympathize with the famine and pestilence-stricken people of India, and we earnestly recommend all people to contribute liberally and promptly to their relief.

2. That we learn with great pleasure that already the sum of $52,000 for famine relief has been contributed by our people and forwarded to our missionary office, and we recommend that our people continue to send their offerings to our own organization.

Handbooks.

On motion of R. H. Gilbert, the pages were instructed to distribute the new Handbooks to members of each delegation through its chairman.

J. M. Buckley reported the following action of the Committee on Episcopacy:

Elections.

The chairman of the Committee on Episcopacy is directed to report to the General Conference that the committee will not be prepared to report for the election of Bishops on Monday, and they therefore ask that the election begin on Tuesday.

On motion of J. M. King, the action that appointed next Monday morning for the elections as the Order of

the Day was reconsidered, and, on motion, the report of the committee just made was substituted, so that the election be taken on next Tuesday. MAY 12. TENTH DAY. *Morning.*

The report of the Committee on Rules Governing Elections was presented and read. Rules of elections.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Vincent.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

ALABAMA.

G. E. Ackerman presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Missions:

Whereas, In much of the Southern field our churches are comparatively poor, and still greatly in need of assistance, although making heroic efforts toward self-support; and, Work in the South.

Whereas, The money expended in the Southern Conferences has brought large returns, even in the midst of adverse conditions; and,

Whereas, Some of our people in the North seem not to recognize the urgent claims of that needy field; and,

Whereas, The Woman's Home Missionary Society has not extended the good offices of the Bureau of Supplies to the families of our needy itinerants in the South as fully as their just claims would deserve; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we would most emphatically urge upon the attention of the whole Church the following facts:

"That the conditions under which many of our itinerants in the South do their work are of the most embarrassing financial sort, involving physical hardships entirely unknown to the men in the more favored fields.

"That even under these conditions the success of the work in point of numbers has been proportionately greater than in any other part of our common country. While in many Conferences the figures show a decrease in Church membership, our Conferences in the South show a steady and encouraging increase.

"The men who travel these hard circuits, and in some instances bring more accessions to the Church during the year than they receive dollars of salary, are able, manly men, not highly educated, as a rule, but men of sturdy thought and large gifts, who love our doctrines and polity, believe that what the Bible says God says, and fearlessly preach a supernatural Gospel and a Christ coequal with the Father.

"That the work of our schools is proving more and more valuable every year, especially in the line of furnishing leadership trained to modern methods and imbued with the spirit of the present instead of the past. Scores of finely cultured young men and women are every year going out from these schools, entering the various professions and lines of business activity. By these, not only is the *esprit de corps* of our Conferences greatly elevated, but the entire face of society is being changed for the better."

2. That in view of these facts the General Conference urges upon the Missionary Society to devise more liberal measures for the strengthening of all our Southern work, and especially for the development of new fields.

3. That we remind those in charge of the Bureau of Supplies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, that many of the families of our itinerants in the Southern field would be as greatly blessed by their kindly ministrations as those in other fields, and would be as genuinely grateful for the same.

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COLORADO.

H. E. Warner presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Unification in Christian reform.

Whereas, For generations Christian conviction has been formulating in support of the great philanthropic movements of recent times: the destruction of the traffic in intoxicating beverages, the restriction of divorce, the preservation of the Sunday rest day, and others of kindred nature; and,

Whereas, That conviction has grown to be widespread and is now apparently in proportions amply sufficient to attain its long-sought ends; but owing to lamentable want of harmony in judgment and methods, the utter lack of effectual cooperation, and the consequent wasteful loss of time and saving energy, this great mass of Christian conviction is largely inoperative and the world witnesses the saddening spectacle of the growth of the evils sought to be remedied instead of their eradication; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. It is the sense of this General Conference that the moment is now here when some adequate and far-reaching method for the unification of Christian effort in reform should at once be inaugurated and that such unification can best be effected by aggressive, organic cooperation of the great governing bodies of the Evangelical Churches of Christendom.

2. The Bishops are hereby asked to nominate to this Conference for election a commission which should be a component part of a Joint Commission on Unification in Christian Reform, composed of like commissions from the representative bodies of all Evangelical Churches, the appointment of which this action invites and anticipates.

3. It shall be the office of this commission, when constituted, to communicate this action to the proper bodies of other churches, seeking their cooperation in the movement, and, after other commissions shall have been formed, to unite with them in formulating and carrying into effect plans for the unification of all Christian forces in the work of moral reform.

LOUISIANA.

C. C. Morse presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries:

Gulf Mission.

Resolved, That the Gulf Mission Conference shall include the work among the white people within the territory of the Mississippi Conference.

OREGON.

G. W. Gue presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Episcopal residence.

Whereas, The General Conference of 1896 established an episcopal residence at Portland, Ore., and Bishop Cranston was assigned to that field, but owing to the call of his associates to visit the work in Asia the Pacific Northwest was deprived of the leadership of one of our chief pastors after a residence of only a few months; therefore,

Resolved, That owing to the pressing needs of the work in that vast field, and unfinished condition in which it was left when Bishop Cranston went away, that we request the General Conference to declare Portland, Ore., an episcopal residence for the next four years.

VERMONT.

L. W. Hanson presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Price of *Advocates*.

Whereas, All our periodicals, save three, are run at a great loss; and,

Whereas, One plant could easily print more papers than the combined circulation of all our *Advocates*; and,

Whereas, If one paper could have a circulation greater than such combined circulation it could be sold at a price far below that of any of our *Advocates;* and,

Whereas, A great need exists for a high-grade denominational paper at a price not exceeding one dollar per year, as it has been abundantly demonstrated that our people will not generally pay $2.50 for a religious denominational paper; and,

Whereas, The *Epworth Herald*, with its $71,932 quadrennial profits shows what a high-grade, low-priced paper without competition can do in our denomination, while thirteen other high-priced papers have at the same time lost $108,023 without reaching more than a small minority of our members; and,

Whereas, The great dollar secular papers show that weekly papers prepared at great cost can be sold at one dollar if the circulation is large; therefore,

Resolved, That the plan of consolidating all our *Christian Advocates* into one paper with a special edition for the different sections of our country, whose general matter shall be the same for all, and the price placed at one dollar per year, ought to be seriously and immediately considered in view of the imperative need that our people be generally reached by our denominational press, and this great waste of money in subsidies and deficiencies be stopped.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

Cigarettes. G. B. Collins presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning cigarettes. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

CALIFORNIA.

Orphanages. G. D. Kellogg presented a memorial from Robert Beartley concerning orphanages. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

COLORADO.

Woman's Home Missionary Society. D. L. Rader presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. A. C. Peck and twenty-six others, in behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Colorado Conference. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

EAST OHIO.

Boundary. O. W. Holmes presented a memorial on behalf of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of East Liverpool, O., signed by J. W. Lardner and others, concerning the boundary between the East Ohio and the Pittsburg Conferences.

Boundary. Also a memorial, signed by G. F. Oliver and two others, concerning the boundary between the East Ohio and North Ohio Conferences. Both referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

MAY 12. TENTH DAY. *Morning.*

Conferences.

L. H. Stewart offered a memorial, signed by J. R. Keyes, concerning changes in number of Conferences in Ohio. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ILLINOIS.

Sunday schools.

H. M. Hamill presented a report from the Illinois Conference in reference to Sunday schools. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts.

Arbitration.

J. A. Kumler presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning arbitration. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NEW ENGLAND.

Boston School of Theology.

W. F. Warren presented a memorial from the Boston School of Theology concerning the teachings in that school. Referred to the Committee on Education.

NEW YORK.

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C. W. Millard presented a memorial from the St. Paul's Quarterly Conference of New York, signed by himself, concerning the amusement question. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Time limit.

Also one from the same, similarly signed, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

NORTH INDIANA.

¶ 99.

L. H. Bunyan presented a memorial, signed by himself and six others, concerning a change in paragraph 99, articles 8 and 9, of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

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C. U. Wade presented a memorial, signed by himself and eight others, concerning use of pronouns in paragraph 30 of the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

Superannuates.

D. K. Tindall presented a memorial concerning the support of superannuated preachers. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

NORTHWEST IOWA.

Judicial proceedings.

G. W. Pratt presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning judicial proceedings. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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Also a memorial, signed by Mrs. John Roth and thirteen others, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconesses.

NORTHWEST KANSAS.

B. T. Stauber presented a memorial, signed by himself and fourteen others, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconesses.

PUGET SOUND.

S. S. Sulliger presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning Conference boundaries. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries. Boundaries.

SOUTH AMERICA.

J. F. Thompson presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning episcopal supervision of South America. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy. Episcopal supervision.

WEST WINCONSIN.

W. J. McKay offered a memorial, signed by Samuel N. Griffith, concerning provision for the support of a pastor who has been rejected as a regularly appointed pastor of a church. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy. Pastor's support.

Also one, signed by six persons, concerning the publication of a *Daily Christian Advocate*. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern. *Daily Christian Advocate.*

Also one, signed by himself, concerning changes in the Ritual. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Ritual.

Also one, signed by six others, concerning the amusement question. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

WYOMING.

M. S. Hard presented a memorial from the Reform Bureau concerning reforms. Referred to the Committee on Temperance and Constitutional Prohibition. Reforms.

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MONDAY MORNING, MAY 14.

Bishop Fitz-Gerald presiding.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop James N. FitzGerald called the Conference to order.

The devotional services were conducted by J. T. Riley, of the Oklahoma Conference.

The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

C. B. Lore presented and read Report No. I of the Judiciary Committee, which, on his motion, was adopted. (See Reports, p. 455.)

H. N. Herrick presented the following, which was adopted:

Reports of Missionary Bishops.

Whereas, The reports of Missionary Bishops James M. Thoburn and Joseph E. Hartzell contain so much information that is valuable and give such comprehensive views of the work and need of the Church and people in the countries they represent; and,

Whereas, These reports have been listened to with intense interest by the members of this General Conference, and will unquestionably prove an inspiration to all our people if placed within their reach and read by them; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Conference instruct the Publishing Agents to print the reports of our Missionary Bishops in the pamphlet that is to contain the Episcopal Address.

Bishop Hurst rose to a question of privilege and read the report of the Commission on the Ecumenical Conference:

Ecumenical Conference.

The Commission on the Ecumenical Conference respectfully represent that all matters of time, program, and numerical representation of the several Churches of the western section have been agreed to. The Commission further report that they can do nothing more until the delegates to the council be appointed, and that the time necessary for adequate preparation by those who are to read papers and make addresses will be so short that we respectfully recommend that the General Conference create a Commission consisting of one member from each General Conference District, to be chosen by the districts, and one at large, who, with the Bishops, shall have power to name the delegates of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Ecumenical Conference. This seems to your Commission to be the only way by which the delegates can be appointed in time for the services of 1901.

J. M. King moved to amend so that the representatives of the General Conference Districts shall be elected by the respective districts. The motion of J. P. Ashley, to lay this motion on the table, was lost.

The Commission accepted the amendment, and the report, as amended, was adopted. (See Reports, p. 469.)

Call of Conferences.

The Order of the Day, the call of the roll of Conferences, was resumed.

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A. R. Rich presented the following:

Profits of Book Concern.

Whereas, The profits of the Book Concern were originally designed for the support of superannuated preachers and the dependent families of our deceased brethren; and the Restrictive Rules provide that these profits shall never be perverted from the uses originally designed;

Whereas, During the nineteenth century at sundry times and in divers manners it hath appeared unto us that these profits have, under the name of loans, been used for General Conference expenses, subsidies to nonpaying periodicals, and other purposes different from the original intention of the fathers, which use thereof is in direct violation of the Restrictive Rules and the spirit of Methodism;

Whereas, There hath dawned upon us the light of that glorious twentieth century in which we hope to adhere more strictly to the principles of our fathers; therefore,

Resolved, By this, the last General Conference of the nineteenth century, that any such diversion of the profits of the Book Concern shall be deemed a violation of a sacred trust and that our Publishing Agents be instructed to use no money other than in the ways allowed by the Discipline of the Church, and to make no loans for General Conference expenses, subsidies, or any other purposes not comprehended in the Restrictive Rules.

W. H. Wilder moved to refer the paper to the Committee on Temporal Economy which, on motion of J. M. Buckley, was laid on the table. On motion of G. G. Whitworth, the previous question was ordered.

W. H. Shier moved to divide the paper into three parts: I. The Preamble. II. Instructions to Publishing Agents. III. Concerning Subsidies.

On motion of J. W. Van Cleve, the paper was laid on the table.

Organic Law.

On motion of C. W. Smith, the Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was taken up.

Article X, Section 1, was read, and its adoption moved by C. W. Smith.

J. B. Young moved to amend, that the section in the Discipline in regard to the same matter, be substituted for the section under consideration, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, this section was referred to the special committee that has charge of other referred portions.

Evening session.

On motion of D. S. Monroe, it was determined that when we adjourn it be to meet in Studebaker Hall this evening, at 8 o'clock, for the reception of Fraternal Delegates.

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On motion of C. B. Lore, the Committee on Arrangements was instructed to have the reporters' platform raised at least eighteen inches.

Reporters' platform.

On motion of R. V. Watt, the report of the Committee on Rules Governing Elections was made the Order of the Day for 11 o'clock this morning.

Election rules.

The announcements were made, and recess taken at 10:34.

The following was introduced by Heinrich Mann, and referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Episcopal visitations.

In consideration that both Annual Conferences of Germany and the Annual Conference of Switzerland, in their last session in the year 1899, passed resolutions that it would be a great help for the work of God in these countries if one of our General Superintendents would travel at large through the districts and exercise the episcopal office for a longer term; therefore,

Resolved, That instead of two years, as it was usual until now, one of our Bishops take his residence in Europe for four years.

J. N. Gamble presented the following. The motion to reconsider was adopted, and also the motion to refer:

Referred.

Whereas, Provision is made for the election of ministerial delegates to extra sessions of the General Conference in case of emergency, by the Annual Conferences, but none is made for the election of lay delegates; therefore,

Resolved, That we reconsider the vote by which Section 3 of Article V was adopted, and that said section be referred to the committee to which Sections 1 and 5 of Article III have been referred, with instructions to report such amendment to Section 3 of Article V as will provide for an election of lay delegates to an emergency General Conference.

A motion by J. C. Arbuckle, to reconsider the action whereby Part II, Article IX, was adopted, did not prevail.

Election rules.

The Order of the Day, the report of the Committee on Rules Governing Elections, was taken up, and M. M. Callen moved its adoption.

In Form IV, No. 10, "Editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate*" was substituted, and the others marked 11, 12, and 13.

J. M. Buckley moved to amend so that it will take a two-thirds vote to constitute an election of a Bishop, which amendment was accepted by the mover.

J. A. Mansfield moved to strike out "Fourth. Nominations in open Conference shall not be in order," and substitute therefor the following from Journal of 1896, page 264, as follows: "When nominations are in order the Chair shall so announce, and request that all nomina-

tions shall be sent to the Secretary's table in writing; and, after the nominations have been received, the Secretary shall read the list, and when the Secretary reads the list nominations shall be closed."

A substitute for all before the Conference, offered by H. M. Hamill, "that the Secretary shall read to the Conference a list of candidates of which each name has been authenticated by the signatures of ten members of this Conference," was, on motion of E. D. Whitlock, laid on the table.

On motion of John Lanahan, the previous question was ordered.

On motion of E. R. Dille, the report was taken up item by item.

In the Preamble, "4" sets of tellers was substituted for "2."

The following motion of George Elliott was adopted: Amend preamble 2, item 6, so as to read, "In case more than the number to be elected shall receive the number of votes required to elect, those highest on the list in their order shall be declared elected.

Form 1 was adopted:

FORM 1.—FOR BISHOPS.

1. General Superintendents.
2. Missionary Bishops.

Form 2 was adopted:

FORM 2.—FOR PUBLISHING AGENTS.

1. At New York.
2. At Cincinnati.

Form 3 was adopted:

FORM 3.—FOR SECRETARIES.

1. Secretaries of the Missionary Society.
2. Secretaries of the Board of Church Extension.
3. Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.
4. Secretary of Sunday School Union and Tract Society.
5. Secretary of the Board of Education.

FORM 4.—FOR EDITORS.

1. Editor of the *Methodist Review.*
2. Editor of the *Christian Advocate.*
3. Editor of the *Western Christian Advocate.*
4. Editor of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate.*
5. Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate.*
6. Editor of the *Pittsburg Christian Advocate.*
7. Editor of the *Northern Christian Advocate.*

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8. Editor of the *California Christian Advocate.*
9. Editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate.*
10. Editor of the *Pacific Christian Advocate.*
11. Editor of the *Apologist.*
12. Editor of *Haus und Herd.*
13. Editor of the *Epworth Herald.*

Form 4 was recommitted until after the report of the Committee on the Book Concern.

Item 5, as amended, was adopted so as to read as follows: Fifth. In the election of Bishops a majority of two thirds shall be required to constitute an election.

The report, as amended, was adopted. (See Reports, p. 470.)

Book Concern Report No. I.

On motion of L. M. Shaw, the rules were suspended, and he presented Report No. I of the Book Concern, and it was adopted. (See Reports, p. 437.)

L. M. Shaw presented Report No. II of the Book Concern.

C. C. Wilbor moved, that this report be made the Order of the Day for to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

W. H. Shier moved to amend, that it be immediately after recess. The amendment was adopted, and the motion prevailed.

Episcopacy Report No. IV.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the time was extended, and, on his motion, the report of the Committee on Episcopacy, IV, was made the Order of the Day immediately after the reading of the Journal to-morrow, and that of the Committee on the State of the Church is to follow.

Episcopacy Report No. II.

J. M. Buckley read Report No. II of the Committee on Episcopacy, and it was adopted. (See Reports, p. 421.)

Dr. Hubbard.

On motion of H. W. Key, Dr. Hubbard was invited to a seat on the platform.

Federation.

R. J. Cooke was given permission to print in the *Daily Advocate* the report of the Commission on Federation.

Adjourned.

On motion of A. B. Leonard, the Conference adjourned. The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop FitzGerald.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 14.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference met in Studebaker Hall at 8 P. M., May 15th. Bishop S. M. Merrill called the Conference to order. Bishop Merrill presiding.

G. F. Bovard announced the hymn beginning,

"I love thy kingdom, Lord."

R. J. Cooke offered prayer.

Bishop Merrill announced that the credentials of the fraternal delegates who were to address the Conference had been received.

G. H. Bridgman introduced the Rev. Thomas Allen, D.D., fraternal delegate of the British Wesleyan Conference, to the Bishop, who presented him to the Conference. Dr. Allen.

The Juanita Glee Club sang,

"Come to our hearts and abide."

L. M. Shaw introduced the Rev. James Robertson, D.D., fraternal delegate from the Irish Wesleyan Conference, to the Bishop, who presented him to the Conference. Dr. Robertson.

The address of each delegate was most cordially received.

The Juanita Glee Club sang,

"That beautiful land."

All joined with Bishop C. C. McCabe in singing one verse each of

"My country! 'tis of thee,"

and

"God save the queen."

Bishop C. B. Galloway, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, pronounced the benediction. Bishop Galloway.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

AUSTIN.

G. B. Collins presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temperance:

Whereas, The manufacture, sale, and use of tobacco is to this nation, excepting the liquor traffic only, the greatest financial waste, bringing only evil in return; and, Tobacco.

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Whereas, It is destroying its thousands every year and injuring many thousands more; and,

Whereas, Its effects under the laws of heredity descend with fearful consequences upon children of those who use tobacco, thrusting them upon life with inherent weakness of body, mind, and morals, and are unequal in the contest in the great competitive struggle for success; and,

Whereas, The use of tobacco as indulged in by the general public violates the scriptural law of cleanliness, the social law of purity, and a proper regard for the rights of others; therefore,

Resolved, That we strongly recommend that our people wholly abstain from the use of tobacco, and that Sunday school superintendents and teachers, Epworth League presidents and class leaders shall not be elected or appointed who are not free from the tobacco habit.

DAKOTA.

W. H. Jordan presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Responsive reading.

Whereas, The form for public worship in all our churches calls for a responsive reading; and,

Whereas, This is impressive only when the congregation generally take part in it; and,

Whereas, Many of our churches find it inconvenient and expensive to provide separate books for this purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That our Publishing Agents be instructed to provide at least one inexpensive edition of the Hymnal with suitable responsive readings in the back part.

EAST OHIO.

L. H. Stewart presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Preachers on trial.

Whereas, Many of our young men, when admitted to the Annual Conference on trial, are appointed to populous centers where the demand for ordained ministers is imperative; therefore,

Resolved, That when a young man is admitted on trial to an Annual Conference the Conference may elect him to Deacon's Orders, provided he shall have passed a satisfactory examination in the studies for Local Deacons.

NORTH INDIANA.

A. A. Small presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern:

Advocates.

Resolved, That the Agents of the Book Concerns be directed to charge for printing the *Advocates* only the actual cost of such printing.

C. U. Wade presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Expenses of delegates.

Resolved, That the Committee on Revisals be and are hereby requested to report to this Conference an amendment to the Discipline or Law of the Church, so that hereafter the expenses of the delegates to the General Conferences shall be paid in proportion to the amount the Conference from which such delegates are sent shall pay on the apportionment that shall be made to it for General Conference expenses.

NORTHWEST IOWA.

C. E. Lane presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Whereas, There seems to be an increasing desire on the part of the laity of our Church to be brought into more intimate relations with the work of the Church in our Quarterly Conference; therefore, we hereby memorialize this General Conference to so alter or amend our plan of temporal economy that all members of the Church over twenty-one years of age shall become members of the Quarterly Conference and be permitted to participate in its deliberations, and shall have the right to make nominations of trustees and stewards and vote upon their election. Quarterly Conferences.

OHIO.

D. H. Moore presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering:

Whereas, Under the inspiration of the Twentieth Century movement many congregations have been led, some to improve their church property and others to build parsonages and houses of worship; therefore, Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

Resolved, That all sums so contributed during the prescribed time be reckoned in the aggregate of our Twentieth Century offering.

ROCK RIVER.

E. S. Munroe presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Whereas, There are many reasons why Mutual Insurance Companies should not be conducted by our Church; therefore, Church insurance.

Resolved, That the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church now in session be requested to so change the Discipline that such kind of secular business shall not have the official recognition of the Church.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

L. L. Fisher presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Whereas, No provision is made in Chapter IV of the Discipline for a General Missionary Committee; therefore, Missionary Committee.

Resolved, That a paragraph, to be numbered 351, shall be inserted, providing for the General Missionary Committee, and that other paragraphs shall be numbered to correspond.

WEST WISCONSIN.

W. J. McKay presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society be requested to print at least once each year in some of our Sunday school publications a full text of the Church Catechism. Catechism.

WISCONSIN.

Samuel Plantz presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Whereas, It is a very difficult and delicate matter to make non-effective any of our beloved Bishops when by reason of impaired health or feebleness incident to advanced age they become unfitted for the duties of their office; and, Age limit.

Whereas, The United States Government and large business corporations have fixed an age limit for the retirement of their employees; therefore,

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Resolved, That the Bishops who shall hereafter be elected shall be relieved of the duties of their office when they shall have reached the age of seventy-five years.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

BALTIMORE.

Deaconess work.

John Lanahan offered a memorial, signed by thirty-four persons of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

CALIFORNIA.

California Book Depository.

R. V. Watt presented a memorial, signed by himself and fourteen others, concerning business of the California Book Depository. Referred to the Committee on the Book Concern.

COLORADO.

Boundary.

D. L. Rader presented a memorial, signed by himself and three others, concerning the boundary line of the Colorado Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

DES MOINES.

Delegates.

E. M. Holmes presented a memorial, signed by himself and eight others, concerning General Conference delegates. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Trustees, etc.

A. H. Roberts offered a memorial, signed by himself and one more, concerning a method of electing trustees, stewards, and lay delegates. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

GENESEE.

Temperance.

J. M. Duncan presented a memorial from the Genesee Lay Electoral Conference concerning temperance. Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Time limit.

Also one by the same person, from the same Conference, concerning the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

MICHIGAN.

Missionary Secretaries.

P. J. Maveety presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning Missionary Secretaries. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

MISSOURI.

E. B. Lytle offered a memorial, signed by the delegates of the Missouri Conference, concerning changes in the Discipline. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Change in Discipline.

NEW JERSEY.

J. W. Marshall presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. C. F. Garrison and fourteen others, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconess work.

Also a memorial from the Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church, Camden, N. J., concerning missions. Referred to the Committee on Missions. Missions.

NEW YORK.

C. W. Millard presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the New York Conference, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work. Deaconesses.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

C. A. Goss presented a memorial, signed by J. G. Pritchard, concerning increased allowance to superannuates and widows. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Superannuates and widows.

OHIO.

W. V. Dick presented a memorial from the Gallipolis District Conference concerning trial of accused member of Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Trials.

Also one, signed by himself and two others, concerning the trial of an accused member of an Annual Conference. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

W. L. Slutz presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning an amendment to the Sunday School Constitution. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Sunday School Constitution.

PHILADELPHIA.

George Elliott presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, signed by Mrs. Clara H. Buckley and thirteen others, concerning the Wom- Woman's Home Missionary Society.

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an's Home Missionary Society. Referred to the Special Committee on Deaconess Work.

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

Episcopal residences.

L. L. Fisher presented a memorial from Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jacksonville, Fla., concerning episcopal residences. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy.

SAVANNAH.

Haven Academy.

James Jackson presented a memorial, signed by R. H. Johnson and many others, concerning the Haven Normal Academy. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Boundaries.

G. F. Bovard presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning the readjustment of boundaries between the Southern California Conference and the Arizona Mission. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS.

Deaconesses.

G. W. Howes presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, of the Southwest Kansas Conference, concerning deaconesses. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

WASHINGTON.

Missions in Cuba.

J. W. E. Bowen presented a memorial, signed by himself and five others, concerning missionary work in Cuba. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 15.

Bishop Joyce presides.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Isaac W. Joyce called the Conference to order.

S. F. Upham, of the New England Conference, conducted the devotional services.

The Journal of Monday's session was read and approved.

The following changes in delegations were announced:

Changes in delegations.

Black Hills, Stephen E. Wilson in the place of E. W. Martin, excused from further attendance.

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Central Ohio, J. W. Zellers had taken his seat.

Erie, G. B. Chase, being present, was given the seat of George W. Campbell.

Illinois, William G. Cochran, having arrived, was given the seat of Thomas R. Petri.

Indiana, Henry M. Connelly was seated in place of John A. Carnagey.

Philadelphia, Samuel M. Myers was seated in place of William H. Maxwell, who had returned home.

Upper Iowa, James E. Marietta was seated in place of James J. Clark.

On motion of T. N. Boyle, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Horner was invited to a seat on the platform.

The Order of the Day, the call of the roll of Conferences, was resumed.

Memorial services.

On motion of G. B. Smith, it was ordered that the memorial services be held next Sabbath at 3 o'clock.

On motion of J. M. Shumpert, the following was adopted:

1904.

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements for the General Conference of 1904 be instructed to appoint three of its number as a subcommittee on fraternal delegates, whose duty it shall be to correspond with all duly appointed fraternal delegates to this body and to arrange for their entertainment.

On motion of J. M. Shumpert, the following was adopted:

Secretary.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this General Conference shall be the lawful custodian of the Journal and papers of this General Conference, and shall deliver the same to his successor, and it shall be his duty to make up the roll of the ensuing General Conference, and in case of his death the assistants, in order of their appointment, shall attend to these duties.

The following was introduced by John Krantz, and adopted:

Quarterly Conference blanks.

Resolved, That the Publishing Agents be instructed to prepare the blank for Quarterly Conference so that there shall be room for recording items of miscellaneous business.

John Handley moved the following, which, on motion of S. P. Cadman, was laid on the table:

British flag.

Whereas, England was the mother country of our Church; and,

Whereas, Hundreds of thousands of loyal Methodists live under the protection of the British flag; and,

Whereas, further, The cooperation of America and Great Britain makes for peace on earth, Christian civilization, and the holding of the open door for propagation of the Gospel;

Resolved, That the British colors be given a place alongside the Stars and Stripes on the platform of this General Conference.

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J. M. King moved the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Sectarian appropriations.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in 1892, by the action of the General Conference, was the first of the Christian Churches in the republic to take organic action to render practical the conceded American principle of the absolute separation of the Church from the State at the treasury point. Our Church then demanded the dissolution of the dangerous partnership existing between the national government and the various Churches in matters of sectarian Indian education and of sectarian charities in the District of Columbia, and instructed the missionary societies under its indorsement and control to neither ask nor accept governmental grants of money for missionary or educational work among the Indians. In rapid succession all of the other religious denominations, together representing a constituency of fully 30,000,000 of the population, excepting only the Roman Catholics, took similar action; thus leaving the national government in financial partnership with a single Church, and logically constituting a distinct union of the State with a Church. The United States House of Representatives for political reasons heard and heeded this action of the Churches and initiated the compromising principle of gradual decrease of appropriations to the Roman Catholic Church. The General Conference of 1896 took the following action:

"This General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Cleveland, O., on this 8th day of May, 1896, commends the just, patriotic, consistent action of the United States House of Representatives in cutting off all sectarian appropriations, both for Indian education and for sectarian charities in the District of Columbia.

"The United States Senate, having proposed a gradual withdrawal of national government sectarian appropriations for Indian education, solely because of the demand of one sect, we do not ask, but we believe we have the right to demand that this copartnership between one sect and the national government shall immediately cease."

After six years of gradual reduction of the national appropriations to the Roman Catholic Church for its work of sectarian education among the Indians, after all the other Churches had declined to receive such appropriations, the Fifty-sixth Congress recently finally cut off all appropriations for sectarian education among the Indians, and also for sectarian charities in the District of Columbia.

A desperate effort by the Roman Catholic authorities is now being made to force open again the national treasury to secure funds for sectarian and politico-ecclesiastical propagation.

This General Conference, representing the largest single organized Protestant constituency in the republic, protests against the reopening of this sectarian question and insists that the republic shall be permitted to enter the twentieth century with the doors of the national treasury fortified against both persistent sectarian greed and against politico-ecclesiastical siege.

This General Conference also demands that civil and religious liberty shall be guaranteed to the people wherever the flag of the republic floats over our most distant new insular possessions.

It is directed that a record of this action be promptly forwarded to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to the Secretary of the Interior at Washington.

This General Conference directs that the signature of its President and Secretary be signed to this action.

Rules of Order.

J. M. Buckley moved to introduce, after Rule 2 in the Rules of Order, numbering it Rule 3, the resolutions of T. B. Neely, already adopted, relating to the duties of standing committees. Adopted.

On motion of H. C. Klingel, the following was adopted:

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Whereas, There is often doubt in the minds of individuals, in the General Conference itself, and also in the committees as to just what committees certain memorials should be referred, and that much valuable time is thereby consumed; therefore,

Duties of committees.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Bishops to so define the work of the several standing committees and give such directions or rules for the formulation or presentation of memorials as will divest this matter of the confusion that now prevails, and, further, that this committee report not later than the 20th, and that the report, if adopted, be published in the Appendix to the Discipline.

The following, introduced by R. N. McKaig, was adopted:

Probationers.

Whereas, The Bishops, in their appeal for the Twentieth Century Movement, have called not only for $20,000,000, but also for one million converts; and,

Whereas, There has been a decrease in the number of probationers during the last year;

Whereas, The emphasis thus far for concerted action has been largely on the financial side of the movement;

Whereas, There are multitudes of our people who will more heartily indorse the movement if there is a greater emphasis and general and united effort to save the people; therefore,

Resolved, That we ask the Bishops to appoint a Committee of Fifteen to carefully and prayerfully consider the evangelistic part of the movement and report what in their judgment this General Conference can do to help save two million souls.

W. L. McDowell presented the following, to be put on its passage:

Organic Law.

Resolved, 1. That the Bishops be instructed to submit so much of the report of the Committee on the Organic Law as may be adopted by the General Conference to the Annual Conferences, for consideration section by section.

2. That the secretaries of the Annual Conferences shall record the votes taken on these sections and report the same to the Secretary of the General Conference.

3. That such sections of the Organic Law as shall receive a three-fourths vote of the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting shall be submitted to the General Conference of 1904 for consideration; and that such of these sections as shall then receive a two-thirds vote of the members of the General Conference present and voting shall become a part of the Organic Law of the Church.

Referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

City evangelization.

On motion of J. E. James, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock was made the Order of the Day for the consideration of the subject of city evangelization.

On motion of T. N. Boyle, the following was adopted:

Map.

Resolved, That the Publishing Agents are hereby required to have prepared a map of the United States, showing the Conference boundaries in outline.

On motion of C. W. Smith, to-morrow morning, immediately after the reading of the Journal, the adoption of the Organic Law was made the Order of the Day.

Episcopacy Reports Nos. III, IV, V.

J. M. Buckley presented Reports Nos. III, IV, and V. No. III was read and adopted. (See Reports, p. 421.)

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Also No. V was read and adopted. (See Reports, p. 421.)

Report No. IV was read as a majority report.

L. M. Shaw moved as a substitute the minority report, withholding the preamble, to insert "none" instead of "two."

Robert Forbes offered the following as an amendment to the minority report, to insert "four" instead of "none."

Recess was taken.

Bishop Stanford.

Bishop Stanford, of the Evangelical Church, was introduced.

W. W. Cooper moved the previous question, which was ordered by a vote of 451 for and 187 against.

The motion to amend the substitute was lost.

The substitute was not accepted by a vote of 419 to 224, and the majority report was then adopted. (See Reports, p. 421.)

Election of Bishops.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the Conference proceeded to the election of two Bishops.

Bishop Walden announced the assignment of tellers. (See Committees, p. 415.)

I. S. Locke moved that Bishop Joyce lead the Conference in prayer. Carried.

Bishop Joyce offered prayer.

On motion, the time was extended.

J. D. Hammond moved, that if the plain intention of the voter is apparent in the case of a wrong initial on a ballot, the ballot shall be counted. This motion was laid on the table.

The tellers distributed the ballots. The votes were then received, and the tellers retired.

James W. McMullen was seated in place of C. H. Wilson.

Memorial Services.

On motion of W. F. Corkran, the action of the Conference on memorial services was reconsidered, and the matter referred to the Committee on Entertainment to arrange a suitable time and place.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Bishop Joyce pronounced the benediction.

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The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

GENESEE.

T. F. Parker presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Church history.

Resolved, That a new section to be called section 9 be added to paragraph 98 of the Discipline, as follows:

"In order that the local history of each Charge may be preserved, the Fourth Quarterly Conference in each year shall appoint a person to be designated as Church Historian, whose duty it shall be to write up as fully as possible the history of the Charge to the date of the first appointment under this section, and thereafter a section shall be added for each year. This history shall be kept in a book by itself, and shall be inspected by the Committee on Church Records annually."

NEBRASKA.

G. W. Isham presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Marriage.

Whereas, In many of the newer Conferences a large number of our pastors are preachers on trial; and,

Whereas, In the charges of these pastors many of our young people are unable to secure a Methodist minister to marry them, and are compelled to submit to be married by ministers of other denominations, many of them having no real ordination, and by justices of the peace, who sometimes are irreligious men; therefore,

Resolved, That the following paragraph be inserted in the Discipline under Chapter II, Article I, page 89, to wit:

"Upon the recommendation of his Presiding Elder an Annual Conference may by vote authorize a preacher on trial to solemnize marriage."

NORTH INDIANA.

W. D. Parr presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Education:

University extension.

Whereas, There is a growing demand for university extension courses; therefore,

Resolved, That all of our colleges and universities be authorized to offer university extension courses leading to undergraduate and graduate degrees, under the direction of the University Senate.

NORTH NEBRASKA.

William Gorst presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Collections.

Whereas, The pastors of our churches find it to be truly difficult and sometimes embarrassing to take so many separate collections as are required by the Discipline; and,

Whereas, It is believed by many that a larger liberty allowed them in the modes of raising the connectional and other benevolences would result in procuring equally as much if not more money, as well as adding much comfort to those responsible for the conduct of these financial interests; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Temporal Economy is hereby requested to take under advisement this whole matter and report to this body at an early date on the feasibility of a plan by which, where thought best, any number or all of the causes represented by our connectional benevolences may be presented on the same day, and collections, subscriptions, etc., be taken to meet the entire obligation.

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OKLAHOMA.

H. A. Doty presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Presiding elders.

Resolved, That presiding elders be elected by the members of the Annual Conferences and not appointed by the Bishops; and that this General Conference take such action as shall make this possible.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Episcopacy:

Colored Bishop.

Resolved, That this General Conference elect one colored Bishop to assist Bishop Hartzell in Africa, and who may act with such limited powers in America as this General Conference may devise; giving such colored Bishop right, from time to time, to preside over our colored Conferences in this country.

PITTSBURG.

W. P. Turner presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering:

Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

Whereas, According to the existing order, moneys applied to the building of new churches and to the improving of church and parsonage property do not form a part of the Twenty Million Thank Offering, this doing injustice, as we believe, to many of our congregations; therefore,

Resolved, That it be the order of the General Conference that all moneys so applied shall have recognition by being counted in the Twenty Million Thank Offering.

Also the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

¶ 248.

Whereas, Efforts are being made to have paragraph 248, concerning amusements, removed from the Discipline; and,

Whereas, Such removal would be grossly misunderstood and would be interpreted to mean a lowering of the standard of the Church, thus doing great harm; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the General Conference to protest against removal of said paragraph, and to order that the proposed change be not made.

UPPER IOWA.

J. B. Albrook presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Revisals:

Marriage ceremony.

Resolved, That the Discipline should be so changed that any preacher appointed by the Bishop to the charge of a circuit or station shall be authorized to perform the marriage ceremony while in such charge.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

BALTIMORE.

¶ 248.

J. S. Rawlins presented a memorial from the Eutaw Street Church Epworth League concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

CALIFORNIA.

G. D. Kellogg offered a memorial concerning Intermediate and Junior Leagues. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Epworth League.

Eli McClish presented a memorial, signed by himself and four others, concerning education. Referred to the Committee on Education. Education.

R. V. Watt offered a memorial concerning class leaders, signed by himself and six others. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Class leaders.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

Theron Cooper presented a memorial concerning paragraphs 312 and 318 of the Discipline, which was referred to the Committee on Judiciary. ¶¶ 312 and 318.

COLORADO.

H. E. Warner presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning church officers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Church officers.

DETROIT.

G. L. Adams presented a memorial, signed by W. M. Ward and two others, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. ¶ 248.

ILLINOIS.

H. M. Hamill presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning baptism. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Baptism.

MINNESOTA.

H. C. Jennings presented a memorial from the Minnesota Conference relative to change of Discipline regarding change in the support of Conference claimants. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Conference claimants.

MISSOURI.

C. W. Proctor presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, in behalf of churches and Epworth Leagues of the Missouri Conference, concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. ¶ 248.

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MONTANA.

Missionary work. Jacob Mills presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning missionary work. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

NEW ENGLAND.

Music. J. H. Mansfield presented a memorial, signed by himself and others, concerning a music committee. Referred to the Committee on Revisals.

NORTHERN NEW YORK.

Deaconess work. S. M. Coon presented a memorial, signed by many members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, concerning deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Boundaries. C. C. Townsend presented a memorial, signed by the eight delegates of the Northern New York Conference, concerning the correction of statements in defining the boundaries of the Northern New York Conference. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

OHIO.

Deaconess work. J. C. Arbuckle presented a memorial from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Ohio Conference relative to deaconess work. Referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

OKLAHOMA.

Time limit. H. A. Doty presented a memorial from the Oklahoma Conference relating to the removal of the time limit. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

PHILADELPHIA.

Deaconess work. George Elliott presented a memorial, signed by Mrs. E. Purney and twenty-two others, concerning deaconess work.

Also another, signed by Rev. William Downey and fifty others, relating to the same.

Also another, signed by William Downey and sixteen others, relating to the same. All referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Chartered Fund. R. E. Pattison presented a memorial from the trus-

tees of the Chartered Fund concerning that fund. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. MAY 15. TWELFTH DAY. *Morning.*

ST. JOHN'S RIVER.

L. L. Fisher presented a memorial, signed by himself and one other, concerning certain verbal changes. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Verbal changes.

ST. LOUIS.

D. W. Crow presented a memorial, signed by himself, concerning personal purity. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Purity.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

L. M. Dunton presented a memorial from the South Carolina Conference relative to establishment of schools in Porto Rico. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. Schools in Porto Rico.

TROY.

G. E. Stockwell offered a memorial, signed by Edwin Genge, concerning Sunday school teachers. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Sunday school teachers.

UPPER IOWA.

H. H. Green presented a memorial from Davenport District Conference concerning pastors' reports. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy. Pastors' reports.

WEST GERMAN.

M. E. Bittner presented a memorial, signed by himself and two others, concerning the instruction of children. Referred to the Committee on Revisals. Instruction of children.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 16.

At 8:30 A. M. Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell called the Conference to order. Bishop Goodsell presiding.

The devotional services were conducted by M. V. Simpson, of the Philadelphia Conference.

The Journal of Tuesday's session was read and approved.

The result of the first ballot for two Bishops was announced by the presiding Bishop, and, as no one had re- No election.

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ceived the requisite number of votes, there was no election.

Changes.

Marshall L. Cook, of the Michigan Conference, was seated in the place of John C. Holden, and William Larsen in place of Samuel A. Fox, of the Wisconsin Conference.

Destroy ballots.

On motion of W. H. Jordan, the Secretary was authorized to destroy the ballots after the announcement of the result, in case there is no challenge.

Ballot for Bishops.

On motion of M. S. Hard, the second ballot for two Bishops was made the Order of the Day for to-day, at 10 o'clock.

Organic Law.

The Order of the Day, the adoption of the Organic Law of the Church, was taken up, on motion of C. W. Smith.

On motion of C. W. Smith, the action which had referred Article X, Section 1 to the Committee of Fifteen was reconsidered, and this Article X, Section 1 was adopted in its previous form as recorded in the Discipline.

Article X, Section 2 was taken up. S. E. Ryan moved to amend this section by striking out everything after the word "than," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "twenty effective members."

Ingress to room.

A discussion arose regarding the method of admission of members into the room. O. H. Horton asked the wish of the Conference in regard to guarding the doors.

F. A. Arter moved, that the Conference authorize Judge O. H. Horton to guard the doors of the Conference in accordance with his best judgment, with the understanding that no delegate be admitted who does not produce, upon request by the proper authorities, his ticket of admission.

On motion of C. P. McClellan, the previous question was ordered, and the motion adopted.

Organic Law.

Article X, Section 2 was resumed. T. B. Neely moved to refer the amendment of S. E. Ryan to the Committee of Fifteen.

The motion of W. H. Jordan, to lay this proposition on the table, was lost, and the amendment was referred.

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Article X, Section 3 was taken up. T. B. Neely moved the following substitute: The General Conference shall not destroy episcopacy, neither shall it destroy the itinerant General Superintendency; but it may elect or appoint a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our foreign missions, limiting his episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively.

This was, on motion of J. M. Buckley, referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

Balloting.

On motion of J. M. Buckley, the Conference proceeded to ballot for two Bishops, and the second class of tellers was called.

On motion of F. A. Arter the tellers were permitted to distribute the ballots into four piles.

Bishop Andrews assigned each teller his place, the second ballot was gathered, and the tellers retired.

On motion of W. S. Edwards, all delegates who had transferred their "tickets of admission" were requested to seek the return to themselves of the same.

E. L. Gilliam.

E. L. Gilliam was excused from attendance for the present, in order to visit the seat of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as the fraternal delegate from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Announcements were made, and recess taken.

Twentieth Century Movement.

Bishop Andrews announced the Committee on Twentieth Century Revival Movement.

At 10:40 Bishop Goodsell called the Conference to order.

On motion of G. E. Ackerman, the following was adopted:

R. S. Rust.

Whereas, Since we last met in General Conference, the devoted wife of our venerable honorary secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Rev. R. S. Rust, D.D., has passed to her eternal home; therefore,

Resolved, That we record our high estimate of her exalted character, her eminent abilities, and great usefulness through many years of splendid service as Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and extend to our honored brother our sincere sympathy.

The rules were suspended, and on motion of J. F. Goucher, the following was adopted:

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Resolved, That a special committee of fifteen be appointed by the Bishops, to which shall be referred the report of the Commission on Federation with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, together with all other papers relating to that subject.

Federation.

Judiciary Report No. II.

Report No. II of the Committee on Judiciary was received and ordered printed.

F. M. North.

On motion of Horace Benton, Rev. F. M. North, D.D., Secretary of the City Evangelization Union, was invited to a seat on the platform.

Dr. Allen and Dr. Robertson take leave.

The Rev. Thomas Allen, D.D., the fraternal delegate from the British Wesleyan Conference, and the Rev. James Robertson, D.D., of the Irish Wesleyan Conference, briefly addressed the Conference in parting words, to which the Bishop presiding happily responded.

Book Concern.

Under the suspension of the rules, the Report No. II of the Committee on the Book Concern was taken up.

F. A. Arter moved the following amendment: "And if this guarantee is not furnished, the paper shall be discontinued."

Report No. II.

J. R. Day moved the following substitute for the entire report:

Northern Christian Advocate.

Resolved, 1. That the General Conference hereby authorize the appointment by the Central New York, Northern New York, Genesee, and Wyoming Conferences of two (2) persons respectively from each of the said Conferences, these eight (8) to elect a ninth at large, which nine (9) shall constitute a Publishing Commission which shall have authority to publish the *Northern Christian Advocate*, elect the editor, and fix his salary. This commission shall conduct the business of the *Northern Christian Advocate*, subject to the approval of the Agents of the Book Concern. The commission shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures, and shall report the same annually to the said patronizing Conferences and to the Book Committee, and any balance remaining after defraying the current expenses shall be subject to the order of said Agents.

2. That the first commission shall be provided for by authorizing the delegates from the four (4) Conferences named to elect the two (2) members from the said Conferences respectively, the same to serve until the next session of the Annual Conferences, or until their successors be elected.

3. The Book Committee shall have the same general supervision and power relative to the paper as heretofore, and if, after fair trial, the outlook for conducting the paper without loss be deemed by said committee to be unfavorable they shall, in conjunction with the agents at New York, close out the business of the paper by sale or in any manner that shall be deemed most advantageous to the interests of the Book Concern.

W. F. Oldham moved the previous question, which was lost by a vote of 374 to 210.

On motion of James Mudge, the time was extended.

The following amendment was introduced by G. P. Mains: After the expression "any receipts remaining

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after defraying expenses" insert this, "to be subject to the direction of the Publishing Commission in the interests of the publication, and for no other purpose, and for this quadrennium only."

On motion of S. P. Cadman, the previous question was ordered.

Bishop Walden excused.

Bishop Walden announced that, on account of the seemingly fatal illness of his daughter, he would be obliged to leave for her bedside this afternoon, and he was excused.

The amendment of G. P. Mains was put. The motion of J. R. Day, to lay this amendment on the table, was lost, and the amendment was adopted.

The motion to lay the amendment of F. A. Arter on the table was lost, and this amendment was then adopted.

On motion, the substitute of J. R. Day was laid on the table by a vote of 339 to 251.

The Report No. II, as amended, was adopted. (See Reports, p. 437.)

Third ballot for Bishops.

The tellers having returned, the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot, and as there was no election the Conference at once proceeded to the third ballot for two Bishops.

The ballots having been lifted, the tellers retired.

On motion the Conference adjourned, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Goodsell.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed to the Secretary:

NORTHERN MINNESOTA.

Robert Forbes presented the following. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy:

Church Insurance Company.

Whereas, It is the duty of the boards of trustees to keep our churches and parsonages properly insured, and failure to do so in many cases has been due to the impossibility or difficulty of meeting the terms required by insurance companies, and in others to carelessness, causing serious interruption to our work and great financial loss to our members who have the right to expect that those in authority will protect their interests; and,

Whereas, Our Board of Insurance has, in compliance with the instructions of the last General Conference removed all excuse for such failure to insure by incorporating a Mutual Insurance Company which has already extended its beneficent system of protection to thousands of our Church societies and pastors; therefore,

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Resolved, 1. That we heartily indorse the faithful work of our insurance company; and,

2. We earnestly call the attention of our presiding elders, pastors, and official members to the easy system of annual payments and distribution of profits thus provided for and urge that they have insurance on all such property placed with our company as speedily as practicable.

WASHINGTON.

J. W. E. Bowen presented the following. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

Lynching. *Resolved*, That the religious and civil forces of the country should unite their influence to make the supremacy of the law so effective that no person accused of crime shall be put to death without trial by jury and other due process of law; that we commend the contemplated federal statute against lynch law, and pray that our national lawmakers in this most worthy movement shall so shape legislation that the same guaranty of trial by jury which Congress proposes to extend to the alien shall so safeguard the life and liberty of every person born under our flag.

The following MEMORIALS were passed to the Secretary:

BALTIMORE.

Certificates. F. M. Bristol presented a memorial, signed by G. V. Leach, concerning certificates in course of study. Referred to the Committee on Education.

¶ 248. J. S. Rawlins presented a memorial from the Local Preachers' Association of the Baltimore Conference concerning amusements. Referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Presiding elders. Also a memorial from the West Baltimore District concerning presiding elders' salaries. Referred to the Committee on Temporal Economy.

CALIFORNIA.

Presiding elders. E. R. Dille presented a memorial, signed by himself and nine others, concerning Quarterly Conferences and presiding elders. Referred to the Committee on Itinerancy.

ERIE.

Africa Missions A. R. Rich presented a memorial from Bishop Hartzell concerning organization of the West Central Africa Mission and the East Central Africa Mission. Referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

ILLINOIS.

Deaconesses. J. A. Kumler presented a memorial, signed by himself and sixteen others, concerning the Woman's Home